

Sec.1. Wellness

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall promote the general wellness of all students by implementing measurable goals to promote sound nutrition and health through nutrition, education, physical activity, and other school-based activities.

Sec2. Development of Local Wellness Policy

The Superintendent or designee shall appoint a school wellness council (“SWC”) to review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques and to develop nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by law. In developing, implementing, and reviewing the guidelines and goals of the local wellness plan, the SWC will allow participation by parents; students; representatives of Texas Leadership Public Schools’s food service provider; Texas Leadership Public Schools physical education teachers, campus and/or district-level administrators, and school health professionals, Board members; and community members.

The SWC shall develop a wellness policy to implement Texas Leadership Public Schools nutrition guidelines and goals. The local wellness plan must address, at a minimum:

1. Strategies for soliciting involvement by and input from individuals interested in the wellness plan and policy;
2. Activities, benchmarks, and objectives for implementing wellness goals;
3. Methods for measuring implementation of wellness goals;
4. Texas Leadership Public School’s standards for foods and beverages provided (but not sold) to students during the school day and while on campus; and
5. Methods for communicating to the public information about Texas Leadership Public Schools local wellness plan.

The SWC will review and revise the wellness plan on a regular basis, and recommend revisions to the plan when necessary.

Sec.3. Nutrition Guidelines

Texas Leadership Public Schools’ nutrition guidelines for reimbursable school meals and other foods and beverages sold or marketed to students during the school day will be designed to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall be at least as restrictive as federal regulations and guidance, except when Texas Leadership Public Schools allows an exemption for allowable fundraising activities.

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall also establish standards for all foods and beverages provided (but not sold) to students during the school day; these standards must be included in the local wellness plan.

Sec4. Wellness Goals

a) Nutrition Education

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with a nutrition education component and shall use a health course curriculum that emphasizes the importance of proper nutrition. This program will encourage participation in the National School Lunch Program, the School Breakfast Program, and any other supplemental nutrition and food programs offered by Texas Leadership Public Schools.

Additional, Texas Leadership Public Schools establishes the following goals for nutrition education:

1. Students will receive nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.
2. Nutrition education will be a Texas Leadership Public Schools-wide priority and will be integrated into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.
3. Staff responsible for nutrition education will be adequately prepared and will participate in professional development activities to effectively deliver the program as planned.
4. The food service staff, teachers and other school personnel will coordinate the promotion of nutrition messages in the cafeteria, the classroom and other appropriate settings.
5. Educational nutrition information will be shared with families and the general public to positively influence the health of students and community members.

b) Physical Activity

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and shall offer at least the amount of physical activity for all grades required by the Texas Education Code or Commissioner Rule.

In addition, Texas Leadership Public Schools establishes the following goals for physical activity:

1. Texas Leadership Public Schools will provide an environment that fosters safe and enjoyable fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in competitive sports.

2. Physical education classes will regularly emphasize moderate to vigorous activity.
3. Texas Leadership Public Schools will encourage teachers to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.
4. Texas Leadership Public Schools will encourage parents to support their children's participation, to be active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

c) Other School-Based Activities

Texas Leadership Public Schools establishes the following goals for creating an environment conducive to healthy nutrition and physical activity and to promote a consistent wellness message to the school community:

1. Texas Leadership Public Schools shall allow sufficient time for students to eat meals in facilities that are clean, comfortable, and safe.
2. Texas Leadership Public Schools shall promote employee wellness activities and involvement at suitable school activities.

Sec.6. Evaluation

Texas Leadership Public Schools shall comply with federal requirements for evaluating this policy and the wellness plan. Generally, Texas Leadership Public Schools compliance with the local wellness plan shall be assessed at least once every three years. The Superintendent or designee shall conduct the assessment, which will consider:

1. The extent to which each school is in compliance with the local school wellness policy;
2. The extent to which the local school wellness policy aligns with model local school wellness policies; and
3. A description of the progress made toward attaining the goals described in the local wellness plan.

Sec.7. Public Notification

Texas Leadership Public Schools must annually inform and update the public about the content and implementation of this wellness policy, and make the policy and any updates, along with the local wellness plan and program assessments, available to the public.

Sec.8. Records Retention

Texas Leadership Public schools shall retain all the required records associated with the wellness policy as required by law¹ and Texas Leadership Public Schools record management program.

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