Minutes of School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)
Duncanville ISD

A Regular Meeting of the School Health Advisory Committee of Duncanville ISD was held Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 4:30 PM in the Duncanville ISD Boardroom located at 710 S. Cedar Ridge Drive, Duncanville, Texas 75137.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Presenter: LaKesha Mitchell, SHAC Chair
Minutes: Ms. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m. and welcomed everyone. The Agenda was discussed.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM 10/8/2025
Presenter: Jamille Hall, Secretary
Minutes: Ms. Hall reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. The minutes were approved and no revisions were made.

3. PANTHER PANTRY
Presenter: Veronica Zamarrip**a,** Parent Community Liaison
Minutes: Ms. Zamarripa provided an update on the operation of the Panther Pantry, including its donors, donations, and the families and students who have been served. The Panther Pantry has supported more than 560 students and over 670 families with food, clothing, and school supplies. Several families who received assistance wrote thank-you notes expressing their gratitude. Ms. Zamarripa shared these notes with the SHAC for review. She was commended for her dedication and hard work.

4. REVIEW OF THE WELLNESS PLAN
Presenter: Maelene Grant, Director of Nursing and Crystal Esquivel Director of Nutrition Services
Minutes: Ms. Grant and Ms. Esquivel presented updates and revisions to the FFA – Wellness Policy. The Wellness Plan follows all applicable state and federal nutritional guidelines and promotes student health through nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based wellness initiatives. The committee was given time to review both the current and revised Wellness Plan and offer feedback or suggestions for improvement. Ms. Esquivel noted that, according to TEA guidance, there are no approved milk substitutions for students who are lactose intolerant. At this time, free or reduced-price meal options are not available for staff. She also explained that campuses may sponsor vending machines as long as the items meet Smart Snacks nutritional standards. Additionally, income requirements for free and reduced lunch are set by the USDA and cannot be altered. Ms. Grant informed the committee that any questions can be directed to her by email.

5. SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATES
Presenter: Stephen Geron, Chief of Police
Minutes: Chief Geron provided an update on state legislative requirements mandating that all school districts have an armed security officer on every campus. He reviewed the 2025–2026 budget and staffing plan, noting that the department currently has four police officers and two vacant positions. Most officers are assigned to the high school. Chief Geron also shared that the department has implemented new technology to support policy management, issuance, and tracking. He clarified that the department does not currently monitor speed or conduct traffic enforcement.

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6. CHILD NUTRITION MEALS PROGRAM
Presenter: Crystal Esquivel, Director of Nutrition Services
Minutes: Ms. Esquivel reviewed the district's Child Nutrition Programs, which include the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, and After-School Snack Program. All students are eligible to receive free breakfast, regardless of application status. During the summer, the district provides free lunches to all children ages 18 and younger, whether or not they attend Duncanville ISD. She also highlighted that nutrition services staff receive training in food safety and allergen awareness and work closely with school nurses to support students with food allergies.

7. ADJOURNMENT
Minutes: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. by Ms. Lakeshia Mitchell.