

Baldwin County Board of Education - LOCAL SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

Revised June 2026

I. PURPOSE

Baldwin County Board of Education (BCBE) recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' physical well-being, growth, development, readiness to learn, and academic achievement. BCBE is committed to creating a healthy school environment that supports student wellness through nutrition education, nutrition promotion, physical activity, and other school-based activities.

II. WELLNESS COMMITTEE

BCBE will maintain a Wellness Committee that includes CNP personnel, administrators, a physical education teacher(s), school health professionals, a board member, and parents. The committee will meet at least annually. The current committee will be listed on our BCBE website under the "Child Nutrition Program" section.

III. WELLNESS GOALS

BCBE will support nutrition education, nutrition promotion, physical activity, and other school-based wellness activities that encourage lifelong healthy habits.

IV. SCHOOL MEALS

School meals will meet or exceed federal and state nutrition requirements. Students will have access to free, safe drinking water during meal service.

V. COMPETITIVE FOODS AND BEVERAGES

All foods and beverages sold during the school day will comply with USDA Smart Snacks standards and applicable state regulations.

USDA Smart Snacks Guide: <https://www.fna.usda.gov/tn/guide-smart-snacks-school>

Exempt Fundraisers

An exempt food fundraiser is defined as the sale of food items that do not meet the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools standards and are sold during the school day. A school may sponsor up to and not exceed **30** exempt fundraisers per year, for no more than one (1) day each in length. Exempt fundraiser food is prohibited from being sold as a la carte item, in vending machines or school stores, or before school on school campus.

Foods sold as part of exempt fundraisers may not be sold one (1) hour before or after meal periods. Example: If lunch ends at 12:30 pm, then the fundraiser could not start until 1:30 pm.

Exempt Fundraiser Procedure:

- School Principal:

1. Complete Alabama's Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Exempt Fundraisers Form.
 2. Provide copy to CNP Coordinator
 3. Provide documentation of approval upon request by Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) for audit review.
- Superintendent:
 1. Complete and sign the Attestation of Compliance with Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activities
 2. Provide to CNP Coordinator to support the annual online application renewal.
 - CNP Coordinator:
 1. Place a copy of the Alabama's Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School Exempt Fundraisers Form (signed by school principal) in the wellness plan file.
 2. Provide documentation of approval upon request by ALSDE.

VI. FOOD AND BEVERAGE MARKETING

Only foods and beverages that meet USDA Smart Snacks standards may be marketed to students during the school day (to include the front of vending machines).

VII. PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

BCBE will provide physical education and opportunities for physical activity consistent with Alabama State Department of Education requirements.

VIII. IMPLEMENTATION

The Superintendent or designee will be responsible for district-wide implementation and compliance.

IX. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

BCBE will permit participation by stakeholders in the development, implementation, review, and update of the wellness policy.

X. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

BCBE will annually inform the public about the wellness policy, progress toward goals, and opportunities for participation.

XI. TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT

At least once every three years, the BCBE will assess compliance, progress toward goals, and comparison with model wellness policies. Results will be made available to the public.

XII. RECORDKEEPING

BCBE will maintain records documenting compliance with federal and state wellness policy requirements.

XIII. POLICY REVIEW AND UPDATE

The Wellness Committee shall periodically review and update this policy as needed.

XIV. POLICY ADOPTION

Adopted by the Board of Education on: _____