Instruction

School Wellness

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the School's educational program, school-based activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA).

The CEO or designee will ensure:

1. Each school building complies with this policy;

2. The policy is available to the community on an annual basis through copies of or online access to the Board Policy Manual; and

3. The community is informed about the progress of this policy's implementation.

<u>Goals for Nutrition Education and Nutrition Promotion</u>

The goals for addressing nutrition education and nutrition promotion include the following:

- Schools will support and promote sound nutrition for students.
- Schools will foster a positive relationship between sound nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn.
- Nutrition education will be part of the School's comprehensive health education curriculum.

<u>Goals for Physical Activity</u>

The goals for addressing physical activity include the following:

- Schools will support and promote an active lifestyle for students.
- Physical education will be taught in all grades and shall include a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle.
- During the school day, all students will be required to engage in a daily physical education course, unless otherwise exempted.
- The curriculum will be consistent with and incorporate relevant *Illinois Learning Standards for Physical Development and Health* as established by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

Goals for Other School-Based Activities

The goals for school-based activities include the following:

- Schools will support and promote a healthy eating environment for students.
- Schools will promote and participate in wellness activities.
- Schools will offer other school-based activities to support student health and wellness, including coordinated events and clubs.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available During the School Day; Marketing Prohibited

Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices during the school day. (requiring compliance with the nutrition standards specified in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) *Smart Snacks* rules).

In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the CEO or designee shall:

1. Restrict the sale of *competitive foods*, as defined by the USDA, in the food service areas during meal periods;

2. Comply with all ISBE rules; and

3. Prohibit marketing during the school day of foods and beverages that do not meet the standards (in-school marketing of food and beverage items must meet *competitive foods* standards).

Competitive foods standards do not apply to foods and beverages available, but not sold in school during the school day; e.g., brown bag lunches, foods for classroom parties, school celebrations, and reward incentives.

Exempted Fundraising Day (EFD) Requests

All food and beverages sold to students on the school campuses of participating schools during the school day must comply with the "general nutrition standards for competitive foods" specified in federal law.

ISBE rules prohibit EFDs for grades 8 and below in participating schools.

The CEO or designee in a participating school may grant an EFD for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools. To request an EFD and learn more about the Organization's related procedure(s), contact the CEO or designee. The Organization's procedures are subject to change. The number of EFDs for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools is set by ISBE rule.

Guidelines for Reimbursable School Meals

Reimbursable school meals served shall meet, at a minimum, the nutrition requirements and regulations for the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Unused Food Sharing Plan

In collaboration with the Organization's local health department, the CEO or designee will:

1. Develop and support a food sharing plan (Plan) for unused food that is focused on needy students.

2. Implement the Plan throughout the Organization.

3. Ensure the Plan complies with the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as well as accompanying guidance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the Food Donation Program.

4. Ensure that any leftover food items are properly donated to combat potential food insecurity in the Organization's community. *Properly* means in accordance with all federal regulations and State and local health and sanitation codes.

Monitoring

At least every three years, the CEO or designee shall provide implementation data and/or reports to the Board concerning this policy's implementation sufficient to allow the Board to monitor and adjust the policy (a triennial report). This triennial report must include without limitation each of the following:

- An assessment of the School's implementation of the policy
- The extent to which schools are in compliance with the policy
- The extent to which the policy compares to model local school wellness policies
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the policy
- How the School will make the results of the assessment available to the public
- Where the School will retain records of the assessment
- The Board will monitor and adjust the policy pursuant to policy 2:240, Board Policy Development

Community Involvement

The Board and CEO or designee will actively invite suggestions and comments concerning the development, implementation, periodic reviews, and updates of the school wellness policy from parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the community.

Recordkeeping

The CEO or designee shall retain records to document compliance with this policy, the School's records retention protocols, and the Local Records Act.

Board Adoption Dates: June 07, 2021; June 13, 2022; December 15, 2025

Revised: May 4, 2022; November 3, 2025

PRESS Revised: October 2023

Legal Reference: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-265, Sec. 204.

Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq.

National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1751 et seq.

Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296.

42 U.S.C. §1779, as implemented by 7 C.F.R. §§210.11 and 210.31.

Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205/.

105 ILCS 5/2-3.139.

23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, Food Program.

ISBE's "School Wellness Policy" Goal, adopted Oct. 2007.