

D0115 - Nemaha Central

Middle School Wellness Policies

D0115 - Nemaha Central is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating, nutrition education, physical activity and integrated school based wellness. Therefore, it is the policy of D0115 - Nemaha Central that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

Substitutions are provided for students with medical disabilities identified by a licensed physician that require meal modifications per the signed Meal Modification Form.

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere.

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 5 years. Continuing education training for all food service personnel meets federal and state requirements.

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 3 years.

The dining area has seating to accommodate all students during each serving period.

The dining area has adult supervision.

The dining area has food service personnel and supervisory staff use positive communication cues with students to promote consumption of foods served as part of Child Nutrition Programs.

The students are allowed to converse with one another at least part of the meal time.

Mealtime conversation is not prohibited for the entire meal time as disciplinary action.

Reimbursable meals and/or parts of a reimbursable meal are not withheld or denied as a disciplinary action.

One "Smarter Lunchroom" or a Behavioral Economics technique is used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Two "Smarter Lunchroom" or Behavioral Economics techniques are used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Identify content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

At least three different fruits are offered each week on three different days. At least one fruit per week is served fresh.

Students have at least 10 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line).

Lunch

All school lunches comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

At least three different fruits are offered each week. Two fruits per week are served fresh.

Offer one additional 1/2 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Offer an additional 1 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Students have at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

Students have at least 20 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

Other Child Nutrition Programs

Meals and snacks served under the USDA At-Risk Afterschool Meals, Afterschool Care Snack Program, Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program and/or Summer Food Service Program comply with all federal regulations and state policies.

During the School Day

Students have access to free drinking water throughout the school day, including during meal service. Hygiene standards for all methods delivering drinking water will be maintained.

All foods and beverages provided by teachers and the school for classroom rewards, parties and celebrations meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

Foods and beverages for classroom rewards, parties and celebrations will not be provided within one hour before or after the end of the last lunch period.

Food is not used as a reward.

Fundraising within the school day meets "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Fundraising within the school day and until 5 pm meets "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Fundraising activities involving the sale of food or beverages that meet "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards and/or exempted fundraisers will not take place until after the end of last lunch period.

No exempted fundraisers. All fundraisers involving foods or beverages meet the "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

Meals purchased at fast food outlet to be consumed at school must not be brought to school in their original containers. Caffeinated beverages are not allowed in sack lunches to be consumed in the cafeteria. (Elementary/Middle School)

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

School promotes participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) if applicable and to choose nutritious foods and beverages throughout the day. Menus are posted on school website and/or distributed to families via another method.

Students learn about the nutrition requirements for school meals and some students are involved in helping plan menus.

Marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages to students is implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

Allow marketing (oral, written, or graphics) of only those foods and beverages sold on the school campus during the school day that meet the requirements set forth in the Smart Snacks Rule.

Allow marketing (oral, written, or graphics) of only those foods and beverages that meet the requirements set forth in the Smart Snacks Rule on the school campus at all times.

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant participatory activities and a variety of learning experiences that support development of healthful eating habits that are based on the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans and evidence-based information.

Include nutrition education as part of health education classes and/or stand-alone courses for all grade levels, including curricula that promote skill development.

Active learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities.

School uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students such as the Kansas State Department of Education, K-State Research and Extension, health and agriculture organizations, universities and consulting registered dietitians or other qualified individuals or organizations. Education should be provided under the direct supervision of a teacher.

Integrate nutrition education into other core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as in non-core and elective subjects.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas, classrooms, hallways, gymnasium, and/or bulletin boards that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

School personnel discuss with students the nutrition education materials displayed.

Offer information to families at least once per semester that encourages them to teach their children about health and nutrition, and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

Physical Activity General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 2 times per week during the entire school year.

All students in grades K - 12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity 3 or more times per week during the entire school year.

Physical activity facilities in and on school property are safe with sufficient age-appropriate equipment for all students, including those with disabilities. Adequate adult supervision is provided.

School prohibits the use of physical activity as a punishment. Schools prohibit withholding physical activity, including recess and physical education, as punishment.

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are encouraged for all students

Structured physical activities are planned by a licensed physical education teacher and integrated into health education and one or more core subjects, such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as in non-core and elective subjects.

Physical Activity Education

The physical education curriculum is sequential and consistent with Kansas State Board of Education approved physical education teaching standards for pre-kindergarten through grade 12.

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 90-119 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

Physical education is taught by teachers licensed by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Physical education teachers participate in physical education and/or physical activity specific professional development every 2 years.

Before & After School

An assessment on walking and/or biking to school has been completed to determine safety and feasibility.

Family & Community - PE

Community members are provided access to the school's outdoor physical activity facilities.

Integrated School Based Wellness

Integrated School Based Wellness

The school wellness policy and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

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Middle School Wellness Policies

The following Wellness Policies are in the process of being developed:

Developing Polices

Nutrition

General Guidelines

Substitutions are provided for students with allergies and intolerances that do not rise to the level of a disability, identified by a Recognized Medical Authority on the signed Meal Modification Form.

Three "Smarter Lunchroom" or Behavioral Economics techniques are used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Identify Kansas food products that are served as part of the school meals program at the beginning or on the serving line.

Serve a locally procured product in the school meals program at least one time per week.

Breakfast

At least five different fruits are offered each week. At least two fruits per week are be served fresh.

Students have at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line).

Lunch

At least five different fruits are offered each week. Four fruits per week are served fresh.

During the School Day

Students are allowed to have clear/translucent individual water bottles in the classroom.

Teachers and parents are provided with information on healthy options for classroom rewards, parties and celebrations that meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

All foods and beverages brought in for classroom parties and celebrations meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards. The focus of classroom celebratinos is not on food.

Foods and beverages provided for students participating in school events adhere to the Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

Fundraising activities support nutrition, nutrition education and physical activity messaging.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

Physical Activity

Physical Activity General Guidelines

School offers lifetime physical activity that teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health. Students learn the benefits of and an appreciation for regular physical activity.

Throughout the Day

Structured physical activities are planned by a licensed physical education teacher and integrated into two or more core curriculum subjects, such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as in non-core and elective subjects.

Physical Activity Education

Middle school students are offered physical education at all grade levels and receive 120-149 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 80 minutes of moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Integrated School Based Wellness

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Support the development of a farm to school program.

Facilitate the integration of a farm to school program and curricular activities including hands-on activities as appropriate to facilitate the nutritional and educational goals of the school.

The local school wellness policy team meets at least twice per year.

The local school wellness policy team meets at least once per quarter.

The wellness policy and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are presented to the local school board and school staff.

The following students, parents, classroom teachers, food service professionals, physical education teachers, health professionals, administrators, school board members and other interested community members are engaged in developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and making the district wide wellness policies available to the public:

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