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## DISTRICT WELLNESS PROGRAM

The board recognizes the relationship between student well-being and student achievement as well as the importance of a comprehensive district wellness program. Therefore, the district will provide developmentally appropriate and sequential nutrition and physical education as well as opportunities for physical activity. The wellness program will be implemented in a multidisciplinary fashion and will be evidence based.

#### Wellness Committee

The district will establish a wellness committee that consists of at least one parent, student, nurse or other school health professional, physical education teacher, school food service representative, board member, school administrator, member of the public, and other community members as appropriate. If available, a qualified, credentialed nutrition professional will be a member of the wellness committee.

Committee meeting dates and agendas will be posted on the district's website in advance of each meeting and advertised in a manner designed to reach students, staff and members of the community. All wellness committee meeting agendas will include a public comment period in which students, staff and members of the community are encouraged to provide input on the district's wellness program. Meetings, records and votes of the wellness committee will adhere to the requirements of the Missouri Sunshine Law.

## **Wellness Program Coordinators**

The board designates the following individual(s) as wellness program coordinator(s): **Jordan Hughes (nurse).** Only employees of the district who are members of the wellness committee may serve as wellness program coordinators. Wellness coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, will be in charge of implementation and evaluation of this policy.

Wellness program coordinators are responsible for ensuring that each school in the district is in compliance with this policy.

### **Nutrition Guidelines**

The nutrition guidelines outlined in this section do not apply to food or beverages brought from home by students for consumption solely by the student or food or beverages created or used by students as part of the district's instructional program.

It is the policy of the district that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property under the jurisdiction of the district will meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meal and Smart Snacks in School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards. These nutrition standards apply to all food and beverages sold to students, including those sold in vending machines, school stores and through district-sponsored fundraisers, unless an exemption applies. In addition, the Smart Snacks standards apply to all food and beverages

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## **Nutrition Promotion and Education**

The district will provide nutrition education aligned with the Show-Me Standards and Missouri's Frameworks for Curriculum Development in Health/Physical Education in all grades. In addition, the district will disseminate nutrition messages and other nutrition-related materials received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to students, staff and the community through a variety of media and methods. The wellness program coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, will develop procedures that address nutrition education and promotion.

# **Physical Activity and Education**

The district will provide physical education and opportunities for physical activity in accordance with state requirements and aligned with the Show-Me Standards and Missouri's Frameworks for Curriculum Development in Health/Physical Education in all grades. The wellness program coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, will develop procedures that address physical education and physical activity.

#### **Other School-Based Activities**

The wellness program coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, are charged with developing procedures addressing other school-based activities to promote wellness.

#### **Evaluation**

The wellness committee will assess all education curricula and materials pertaining to wellness for accuracy, completeness, balance and consistency with the state's and district's educational goals and standards. Wellness program coordinators shall be responsible for devising a plan for implementation and evaluation of the district wellness policy and are charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that schools meet the goals of the district wellness policy. Wellness program coordinators will report to the Board annually regarding the content and implementation of the wellness program and make recommendations for modifications to this policy as appropriate. The report will be made available to the public on the district's website or by other appropriate means.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

Adopted:

Revised:

Cross Refs: DJF, Purchasing

EF, Food Services Management

EFB, Free and Reduced-Cost Food Services

GCL, Professional Staff Development Opportunities GDL, Support Staff Development Opportunities IGAEA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco

IGBC, Parent/Family Involvement in Instructional and Other Programs

IGDF, Student Fundraising

JHCF, Student Allergy Prevention and Response

KI, Public Solicitations/Advertising in District Facilities

Legal Refs: "167.720, 610.010 - .028, RSMo.

The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. "1751 - 1769j

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