

WELLNESS POLICY

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, PL 105-268, the U.S. Congress established a new requirement for all local agencies (including public and nonpublic, as well as, Residential Child Care Institutions) with a federally-funded National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The local agencies are required to develop and implement wellness policies that address nutrition and physical activity by the start of the 2006-07 school year. Four (4) criteria are required in meeting the objective; nutrition education, physical activity, nutrition standards and other school based activities.

The Brandon Valley School District promotes healthy schools by supporting wellness, good nutrition and regular physical activity as a part of the total learning environment. The District supports a healthy environment where students learn and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices. By facilitating learning through the support and promotion of good nutrition and physical activity, schools contribute to the basic health status of students. Improved health optimizes student performance potential and ensures that no child is left behind.

- The school district will engage a committee composed of students, parents, teachers, administrators, food service professionals, health professionals, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing district-wide nutrition and physical activity goals.
- All students in grades K-12 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- Food and beverages sold or served during regular school day hours will meet the nutrition recommendations of the NSLP.
- Qualified child nutrition professionals will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that will meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate the religious, ethnic and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe and pleasant settings with adequate time for students to eat.
- To the maximum extent possible, the district will participate in available federal school meal programs.
- Schools will provide nutrition education and physical education to foster lifelong habits of healthy eating and physical activity and will establish linkages between health education and school meal programs, and with related community services and other school based activities.

The school district will host a safe and healthy environment for all students by elimination of food in classrooms throughout the district, to include parties and using food as a reward. Food allergy concerns and overall student health and wellness are the priority.

The Child Nutrition/Wellness Committee will develop, implement, monitor, review and as necessary, revise school nutrition and physical activity programs. To help with the initial development of the district's wellness policy, each school in the district will conduct a baseline assessment of the school's existing nutrition and physical activity environments and policies. Assessments will be repeated every year to review policy compliance, assess progress, and determine areas in need of improvement.

As part of that review, the Wellness Committee will review nutrition standards with education goals; physical activity and education goals; and evaluate the provision of the environment to support healthy eating and physical activity.

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