

X0798 - Heartspring

Middle School Wellness Policies

X0798 - Heartspring 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 X0798 - Heartspring that:

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

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.

All school food service personnel receive food safety training annually.

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

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere that encourages meal consumption.

The dining area has adequate 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.

The students are allowed to converse during the entirety of the meal time.

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

Students are not being disciplined by separating from other students in the dining area.

Students are not being disciplined by being seated in a separate location.

Content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast is identified near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

One or more Kansas food products served as a part of the school meals program and identified at the beginning of the serving line each week.

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.

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

Students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

District offers at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line) or Grab n Go breakfast options are available.

District has implemented alternative 2nd Chance Breakfast service options. "Breakfast in the Classroom" or "Breakfast After First Period" is available.

Nutrition

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.

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

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

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.

Students are offered recess before lunch and at least 20 minutes seat time to eat.

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.

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

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Schools provide staff information on non-food rewards.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

District 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.

District implements marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents and students .

A student advisory council is formed and meets with a food service representative and school administration twice a year to provide input.

District implements marketing and advertising of nutritious foods and beverages consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach to the community.

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12 will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant participatory activities, as appropriate, 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.

District administrators inform teachers and other school personnel about opportunities to participate in professional development on nutrition and teaching nutrition.

The Wellness Committee, teachers and other school personnel participate in nutrition education-related professional development at least once a year.

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

Active classroom learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities at least once a semester.

Active classroom learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities at least once each quarter.

District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/year.

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District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/semester.

District uses qualified personnel or organizations from the community to provide nutrition education to students under the direct supervision of a teacher at least once/quarter.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into other core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as into at least one non-core/elective subject.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into two or more core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences as well as in two or more non-core and elective subjects.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into all core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences as well as in three or more non-core and elective subjects.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

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 collaborate with the school nutrition staff to use the cafeteria as a learning laboratory that allows students to apply critical thinking skills.

Physical Activity

General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12 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 have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity 3 or more times per week during the entire school year.

All students in grades K - 12 have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity every day during the entire school year.

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

District encourages extra physical activity time as an option for classroom rewards.

District uses extra physical activity time as a classroom reward.

Throughout the Day

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

Professional development on integrating physical activity into core/non-core subjects is provided to licensed physical education teachers, school nurses, and building administrators.

Structured physical activities are approved 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.

Structured physical activities are approved 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.

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

Physical Education

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

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

Physical Activity

Physical Education

Physical education teachers are licensed and have advanced certification and/or 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.

Physical Education teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health for lifetime physical activity.

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.

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 50% of the minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous intensity activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

Physical education curriculum includes fitness assessment of at least 50% of all students enrolled in physical education and student fitness reports are available to parents.

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Before & After School

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered.

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered, with input from students, and meet the needs, interest and abilities of a diverse student body.

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered through partnerships with community organizations and resources.

Family & Community

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

Community members are provided access to the district's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities at specified hours.

Community members are encouraged to access the district's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities at specified hours.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

The school wellness committee makes appropriate updates or modification to wellness policy based on assessment and an update on the progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy is made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

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

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Annually, offer district-sponsored wellness family activities that address one or more components of the [Whole School](#), [Whole Community](#), [Whole Child Model](#).

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

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:

Carolyn Clark, Chairperson

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