



**8505. WELLNESS POLICY / NUTRIENT STANDARDS FOR
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The Board of Education recognizes child and adolescent obesity has become a major health concern in the United States. The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), funds child nutrition programs and establishes required nutrition standards for school lunch and breakfast programs. In accordance with the principles of the HHFKA each school in the district shall implement this Wellness Policy that includes goals for nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. This policy does not require all district schools to follow the strict portion guidelines detailed in HHFKA, but rather to adhere to the principles associated with implementing good nutritional standards and fitness goals.

A. Wellness Policy Goals

The goals as outlined below shall apply to each school in the district.

1. Goals for Nutrition Promotion – The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
 - a. Age-appropriate posters will be posted on the walls where food and beverages are served to students highlighting and encouraging the value of good nutrition.
 - b. The school lunch program will have promotional days during the school year where at least one new nutritional alternative menu item will be featured as part of the menu pattern meal component. The food service staff members will promote this nutritional alternative during meal service with posters, flyers, and/or hand-outs regarding the nutritional menu item alternative.
 - c. The Principal or designee will encourage food products that meet the nutrition standards of the HHFKA when used as an incentive or reward for student accomplishments, club or activity achievements, and/or success in competitions within the school.
 - d. Food service staff, in consultation with the Principal or designee, will coordinate obtaining student input on menu planning that will include taste testing of new nutritional food, satisfaction surveys, and other activities that will promote nutrition awareness.
 - e. Food service staff will place the healthier food items in the service line where students are more likely to choose them.

- f. Parents will be provided the nutritional standards of the HHFKA and encourage parents to pack lunches and snacks that meet the HHFKA nutritional standards.
2. Goals for Nutrition Education – The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
- a. The Principal will ensure each student receives at least one presentation per school year that promotes good nutrition and nutrition education. These presentations may be provided through classroom visits from school staff members trained in nutrition, school-wide or group assembly programs, during health/physical education classes during the school year, or any other presentation manner. This requirement may be provided as part of nutrition education provided to students as part of the district’s curriculum.
 - b. The Principal or designee will post the nutritional guidelines of the HHFKA in the area of the school building where food and beverages are served.
 - c. The school lunch menu will include nutritional information, activities, recipes, and/or any other information that encourages the selection of healthy food items.
3. Goals for Physical Activity
- a. The following activities will be coordinated at Sharon School:
 - (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
 - (2) The Principal or designee will ensure there is age-appropriate equipment and supplies available during recess time for students to participate in physical activities.
 - (3) Students will be encouraged by school staff members supervising student recess time to participate in some type of physical activity, which may include, but not be limited to: walking; playing games that require physical activity, such as kick ball, volleyball, baseball, basketball, etc.; rope jumping; and/or using playground equipment.
 - (4) The Principal will encourage classroom teachers to incorporate brief, physical activity breaks into the school day to establish an environment that promotes regular physical activity throughout the school day.
 - (5) The Principal or designee will coordinate special events that highlight physical activity, which may include field days, walk-a-thons, and activity tournaments or competitions. The Principal or designee may involve parents, community members, and students in the planning of these events.
 - b. The following activities will be coordinated at Pond Road School:

- (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
 - (2) The Board of Education may offer middle school students opportunities to participate in after-school intramural and/or interscholastic team activities coordinated and under the supervision of school staff members.
 - (3) The Board of Education will support after-school activities and clubs where physical activity for students is included as a key component to the activity's or club's purpose.
 - c. The following activities will be coordinated at Robbinsville High School:
 - (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
 - (2) The Board of Education will offer high school students opportunities to participate in after-school intramural and/or interscholastic team activities coordinated and under the supervision of school staff members.
 - (3) The Board of Education will support after-school activities and clubs where physical activity for students is included as a key component to the activity's or club's purpose.
4. Goals for Other School-Based Activities - The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
 - a. Each school in the district will establish a Wellness Committee comprised of the Principal or designee, at least one health/physical education teacher, a school nurse, at least two parents, at least two students, and at least one food service staff member.
 - b. The Principal or designee will coordinate information being disseminated to students and parents promoting the school lunch program, nutrition, and nutrition education.
 - c. Wherever possible, the principal shall encourage that snack items brought to school for special celebrations meet healthy nutritional requirements.
 - d. Wherever possible, the Principal will encourage fund-raising activities that promote physical activity such as walk-a-thons, teacher-student activity competitions, family activity nights, and school dances.
5. Annual School Progress Report
 - a. Annually school principals shall collaborate with members of the school based wellness team to identify areas of concern related to the health and fitness of district students. Recommendations for improvement shall be presented to the Superintendent so that program adjustments can be made if necessary.

- b. Each year the Superintendent or his designee shall review food purchasing patterns with the district's food service provider in order to continue to improve healthy purchase options for students.

7. Additional Wellness Policy Goals

- a. Nothing in this Policy shall prevent an individual school in the district from developing and implementing additional activities, approved by the Superintendent or designee, to those required in this Policy.

B. Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages

- 1. The nutritional standards detailed in HHFKA shall apply to all foods and beverages sold in each school in the district as part of the menu pattern meal, a la carte, in school stores, snack bars, or vending machines.
- 2. The school district will comply with the HHFKA beverage requirements and beverage portion requirements for elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Each school will make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snacks are served during meal service.

C. District Coordinator

The Superintendent or designee shall be the school district official responsible to ensure each school in the district complies with the requirements as outlined in this Policy.

D. Publication/Dissemination

This Policy will be made available to staff members, students, and parents by being posted on the school district and/or school websites.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

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