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Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (School Wellness Policy)

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the agency's educational program, school activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265).

Goals for Nutrition Education

The goals for addressing nutrition education include the following:

- Schools will support and promote good nutrition for students consistent with applicable federal and state requirements and guidelines.
- Schools will foster the positive relationship between good nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn.
- Nutrition education will be part of the agency's comprehensive school health education curriculum and will be integrated into other classroom content areas, as appropriate.

Goals for Physical Activity

The goals for addressing physical activity include the following:

- Schools will support and promote an active lifestyle for students.
 - Physical education will be taught in all grades and shall include a standards-based, developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle.
 - Unless otherwise exempted, all students will be required to engage in the agency's physical education program.
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Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available in Schools

Students will be offered and schools will promote nutritious food choices consistent with the current Dietary Guidelines for Americans and My Pyramid, published jointly by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, and guidelines promulgated by the Connecticut Department of Education in addition to federal and state statutes. In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Executive Director or designee shall establish such administrative procedures to control food and beverage sales that compete with the agency's nonprofit food service in compliance with the Child Nutrition Act. The agency shall prohibit the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and will ensure that all foods sold to students separately from school meals meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards. All beverages sold or served to students on school premises will be healthy choices that meet the requirements of state statute.

All sources of food sales to students at school must comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards including, but not limited to, cafeteria a la carte sales, vending machines, school stores and fundraisers. The agency shall ensure that all beverages sold to students comply with the requirements of state statute. The agency shall ensure compliance with allowable time frames for the sale of competitive foods as specified by state law.

Reimbursable School Meals

Reimbursable school meals served shall meet, at a minimum, the nutrition requirements and regulations for the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

Monitoring

The Executive Director or designee shall provide periodic implementation data and/or reports to the Board concerning this policy's implementation sufficient to allow the Board to monitor and adjust the policy.

Community Input

The Executive Director or designee will invite suggestions and comments concerning the development, implementation, and improvement of the school wellness policy from community members, including parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, school administrators, and the public.

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Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-16b Prescribed courses of study.

10-215 Lunches, breakfasts and the feeding programs for public school children and employees.

10-221 Boards of education to prescribe rules, policies and procedures.

10-215a Non-public school participation in feeding program.

10-215b Duties of state board of education re: feeding programs.

10-216 Payment of expenses.

10-215e Nutrition standards for food that is not part of lunch or breakfast program

10-215f Certification that food meets nutrition standards.

10-221o Lunch periods. Recess.

10-221p Boards to make available for purchase nutritious, low-fat foods.

10-221q Sale of beverages.

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies

10-215b-1 Competitive foods.

10-215b-23 Income from the sale of food items.

National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program; Competitive Food Services. (7 CFR Parts 210.11 and 220.12,)

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Public Law 108-265

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