

Vernonia School District 47J

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Local Wellness Program

Research indicates that healthy eating patterns and increased physical activity are essential for students to achieve their academic potential, full physical and mental growth and lifelong health and well-being. To help ensure students possess the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices for a lifetime, the superintendent shall prepare and implement a comprehensive district nutrition program consistent with state and federal requirements for districts sponsoring the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and/or the School Breakfast Program (SBP). The program shall reflect the Board's commitment to providing adequate time for instruction to promote healthy eating through nutrition education, serving healthy and appealing foods at district schools, developing food-use guidelines for staff and establishing liaisons with nutrition service providers, as appropriate. The input of staff, students, parents, the public, representatives of the school food authority and public health professionals will be encouraged.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition education topics shall be integrated within the sequential, comprehensive health education program taught at every grade level, and coordinated with the district's nutrition and food services operation.

Nutrition Guidelines

It is the intent of the Board that district schools take a proactive effort to encourage students to make nutritious food choices. All food and beverage items sold in a K-12 public school as part of the regular or extended school day shall meet minimum standards as set forth in state law.

Exceptions to this directive will be limited to:

1. Those items that are part of the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program;
2. The selling of food or beverage items before, during, or after school related events (i.e. sporting event, interscholastic activity, play, band or choir concert); or
3. Non school related events for which parents and other adults are a significant part of an audience.

Although the Board believes that the district's nutrition and food services operation should be financially self-supporting, it recognizes, however, that the nutrition program is an essential educational and support activity. Therefore, budget neutrality or profit generation must not take precedence over the nutrition needs of its students. In compliance with federal law, the district's NSLP and SBP shall be nonprofit.

Physical Education/Activity

The Board realizes that a quality physical education program is an essential component for all students to learn about and participate in physical activity. Physical activity should be included in a school's daily education program for all grades and should include regular instructional physical education as well as co-curricular activities, and recess. The district will develop and assess student performance standards in order to meet the Oregon Department of Education's physical education content standards¹.

Reimbursable School Meals

The district may enter into an agreement with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) to operate reimbursable school meal programs. These guidelines shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of section 10 of the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1779) and section 9(f)(1) and 17(a) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)(1), 1766(a)(0)).

Other School-Based Activities

The district will promote district and community based activities that foster healthy eating and create environments that promote physical activity. Families and the community will be encouraged to provide healthy food choices in all situations where food is served. Educational workshops, screenings and literature related to healthy food choices and physical activity may be offered to families.

Evaluation of the Local Wellness Policy

The Board will involve parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, school administrators and the public in the development and review of this policy. The Board shall establish a Wellness Advisory Committee (Vernonia Student Health Advisory Council) to advise the district in the creation of the local wellness policy. The policy will be reviewed every 2 years.

In an effort to measure the implementation of this policy the Board designates the district principals as the people who will be responsible for ensuring the district meets the goals outlined in this policy.

The superintendent will develop administrative regulations to implement all aspects of this policy that:

1. Will meet the requirements of state and federal law;
2. Include provisions for staff development, family and community involvement and program evaluation.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.107](#)
[ORS 336.423](#)

[OAR 581-051-0100](#)
[OAR 581-051-0305](#)

[OAR 581-051-0310](#)
[OAR 581-051-0400](#)

National School Lunch Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 210 (2006).
School Breakfast Program, 7 C.F.R. Part 220 (2006).
Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 § 204, 42 U.S.C. § 1751 (2006).

Cross Reference(s):

EFAA - District Nutrition and Food Services
EFAL - Child Nutrition - Second Meals
EFD - Food Preparation