

Rowland USD | BP 5030 Students

Student Wellness

The Governing Board recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity for District students. The Superintendent or designee shall build a coordinated school health system that supports and reinforces health literacy through health education, physical education, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, health promotion for staff, a safe, healthy, and drug free school environment, and parent/guardian and community involvement. In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies for promoting staff wellness and for involving parents/guardians and the community in reinforcing students' understanding and appreciation of the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 0000 - Vision)

(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)

(cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)

(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)

(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)

(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)

(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)

(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)

(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)

(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)

(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)

(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

(cf. 5142 - Safety)

(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)

(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)

(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)

School Health Council/Collaborative Committee

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage parents/guardians, students, food service employees, physical education teachers, school health professionals, Board Members, school administrators, and members of the public to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the District's Student Wellness Policy. (42 USC 1758b)

To fulfill this requirement, the Superintendent or designee may appoint a school health council or other District collaborative committee whose membership shall include representatives of these groups. He/she also may invite participation of other groups or individuals, such as health educators, curriculum directors, counselors, before- and after-school program staff, health practitioners, and/or others interested in school health issues.

(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)

(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)

The school health council or collaborative committee shall assist with policy development and advise the District on health-related issues, activities, policies, and programs. At the discretion of the Superintendent or designee, the council's charges may include planning and implementing activities to promote health within the school or community.

Nutrition Education and Physical Activity Goals

The Board shall adopt goals for nutrition education/promotion, physical activity, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the District determines appropriate. (42 USC 1758b)

The District's nutrition education/promotion and physical education programs shall be based on research, consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks, and designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

(cf. 6010 - Goals and Objectives)

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)

(cf. 6143 - Courses of Study)

Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the health education program and, as appropriate, shall be integrated into core academic subjects and offered through before- and after-school programs.

(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)

All students shall be provided opportunities to be physically active on a regular basis. Opportunities for moderate to vigorous physical activity shall be provided through physical education, recess, school athletic programs, extracurricular programs, before- and after-school programs, encouraging students to walk or bicycle to and from school, in-class physical activity breaks, and other structured and unstructured activities.

(cf. 6142.7 - Physical Education)

(cf. 6145 - Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage staff to serve as positive role models for healthy eating and physical fitness. He/she shall promote work site wellness and may provide opportunities for regular physical activity among employees.

Professional development shall include instructional strategies that assess health knowledge and skills and promote healthy behaviors.

(cf. 4131- Staff Development)

(cf. 4331- Staff Development)

To encourage consistent health messages between the home and school environments, the Superintendent or designee may disseminate health information to parents/guardians through District or school newsletters, handouts, parent/guardian meetings, the District or school web site, and other communications. Outreach to parents/guardians shall emphasize the relationship between student health and academic performance.

(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)

(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)

The Board prohibits the marketing and advertising of non-nutritious foods and beverages through signage, vending machine fronts, logos, scoreboards, school supplies, advertisements in school publications, coupon or incentive programs, or other means.

(cf. 1325 - Advertising and Promotion)

Additional Wellness Goals/Promotions

In order to ensure that students have access to comprehensive health services, the District may provide access to health services at or near District schools and/or may provide referrals to community resources.

Comprehensive school site safety plans for each individual school site are to be reviewed and updated annually and submitted to the School District for approval. (Education Code 32286, 32288)

The Board recognizes that a safe, positive school environment is also conducive to students' physical and mental health and thus, prohibits bullying and harassment of all students, including bullying on the basis of weight or health conditions.

(cf. 5131.2 - Bullying)

(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)

Because the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs adversely affects a student's ability to achieve academic success, is physically and emotionally harmful, and has serious social and legal consequences, the Governing Board intends to keep District schools free of alcohol and other drugs. The Rowland Unified School District Board declares that the use of all tobacco products by anyone on School District property, in vehicles, or at sponsored events is prohibited. (HSC 104495 Amended by AB 1867, Ch 527, Statutes of 2003).

The Superintendent or designee shall develop a comprehensive prevention program that includes instruction, intervention, recovering student support, and enforcement/discipline. Special efforts shall be made to ensure that these materials are understood by parents/guardians and students of limited literacy or limited English Proficiency.

Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available at School

The Board shall adopt nutrition guidelines selected by the District for all foods available on each campus during the school day, with the objectives of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity. (42 USC 1758b)

The Board believes that foods and beverages available to students at District schools should support the health curriculum and promote optimal health. Nutrition standards adopted by the District for all foods and beverages sold to students, including foods and beverages provided through the District's food service program, student stores, vending machines, fundraisers, or other venues, shall meet or exceed state and federal nutrition standards.

(cf. 3312 - Contracts)

(cf. 3550 - Food Service/Child Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3554 - Other Food Sales)

(cf. 5148 - Child Care and Development)

(cf. 6300 - Preschool/Early Childhood Education)

The Superintendent or designee shall provide access to free fresh drinking water during meal times in the food service area in accordance with Education Code 38086 and 42 USC 1758, and shall encourage students' consumption of water by educating them about the health benefits of water and serving water in an appealing manner.

The Superintendent or designee shall encourage school organizations to use healthy food items or non-food items for fundraising purposes. He/she also shall encourage school staff to avoid the use of non-nutritious foods as a reward for students' academic performance, accomplishments, or classroom behavior.

(cf. 1230 - School-Connected Organizations)

School staff shall encourage parents/guardians or other volunteers to support the District's nutrition education program by considering nutritional quality when selecting any snacks which they may donate for occasional class parties, and by limiting foods or beverages that do not meet nutritional standards to no more than one food or beverage per party. Class parties or celebrations shall be held after the lunch period when possible.

Guidelines for Reimbursable Meals

Foods and beverages provided through federally reimbursable school meal programs shall meet or exceed federal regulations and guidance issued pursuant to 42 USC 1758(f)(1), 1766(a), and 1779(a) and (b), as they apply to schools. (42 USC 1758)

In order to maximize the District's ability to provide nutritious meals and snacks, all District schools shall participate in available federal school nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, to the extent possible.

(cf. 3553 - Free and Reduced Price Meals)

Program Implementation and Evaluation

The Board shall establish a plan for measuring implementation of the policy. The Superintendent shall designate at least one person within the District, and at each school, who is charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that the school sites implement the District's wellness policy. (42 USC 1758b)

(cf. 0500 - Accountability)

The Superintendent or designee shall recommend for Board approval specific quality indicators that will be used to measure the implementation of the policy District-wide and at each District school. These measures shall include, but not be limited to, results of state physical fitness testing, an analysis of the nutritional content of meals served; student participation rates in school meal programs; any sales of non-nutritious foods and beverages in fundraisers or other venues outside the District's meal programs; and feedback from food service personnel, school administrators, the school health collaborative committee, parents/guardians, students, and other appropriate persons.

The Superintendent or designee shall report to the Board at least every two (2) years on the implementation and effectiveness of this policy and any other Board policies related to nutrition and physical activity. The report shall include the extent to which schools comply with this policy, comparison to the model wellness policy available from the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and progress toward attaining goals.

Posting and Public Information Requirements

Each school shall post the District's policies and regulations on nutrition and physical activity in public view within all school cafeterias or in other central eating areas. Parents, students, staff, and community may be informed and updated about the District's wellness policy content and implementation as appropriate. (42 USC 1758b)

Legal Reference:

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33350-33354 CDE responsibilities re: physical education

49430-49436 Pupil Nutrition, Health, and Achievement Act of 2001

49490-49494 School breakfast and lunch programs

49500-49505 School meals

49510-49520 Nutrition

49530-49536 Child Nutrition Act

49540-49546 Child care food program

49547-49548.3 Comprehensive nutrition services

49550-49561 Meals for needy students

49565-49565.8 California Fresh Start pilot program

49570 National School Lunch Act

51210 Course of study, grades 1-6

51220 Course of study, grades 7-12

51222 Physical education

51223 Physical education, elementary schools

51795-51796.5 School instructional gardens

51880-51921 Comprehensive health education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations

15510 Mandatory meals for needy students

15530-15535 Nutrition education

15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 National School Lunch Program, especially:

1758b Local wellness policy

1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act, especially:

1773 School Breakfast Program

1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act

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Dietary Guidelines for Americans, 2005

Changing the Scene, Improving the School Nutrition Environment: A Guide to Local Action, 2000

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Action for Healthy Kids: <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org>

California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California Healthy Kids Resource Center: <http://www.californiahealthykids.org>

California Project LEAN (Leaders Encouraging Activity and Nutrition): <http://www.californiaprojectlean.org>

California School Nutrition Association: <http://www.calsna.org>

Center for Collaborative Solutions: <http://www.ccscenter.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Dairy Council of California: <http://www.dairycouncilofca.org>

National Alliance for Nutrition and Activity: <http://www.cspinet.org/nutritionpolicy/nana.html>

National Association of State Boards of Education: <http://www.nasbe.org>

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Society for Nutrition Education: <http://www.sne.org>

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