

X0730 - St Mary School

Elementary Wellness Policies

X0730 - St Mary School 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. X0730 - St Mary School allows and encourages members of the school community and the general public to participate in the development and assessment of local wellness policies. It is the policy of X0730 - St Mary School 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 food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere that encourages meal consumption.

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 dining area had adults model healthy eating in the dining areas and encourage students to taste new and/or unfamiliar foods.

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.

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

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

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.

Lunch

All school lunches comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

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

All Food Sold in Schools

All food and beverages are in compliance with USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

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All food and beverages are in compliance with USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards from the midnight before to 5 pm.

All food and beverages are in compliance with USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards 24 hours a day.

No energy drinks are sold on school property from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

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USDA's Smart Snacks in School Beverage Standards for middle schools apply to high school (only 100% juice, water, milk).

Fundraising within the school day meets USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

Fundraising within the school and until 5 PM meets USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards (sans the exempted fundraisers).

No exempted fundraisers. All fundraisers involving foods or beverages meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards.

Fundraising activities involving the sale of food or beverages that meet USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards and/or exempted fundraisers will not take place until after the end of the last lunch period.

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

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

Students learn about the nutrition requirements for school meals and some students are involved in helping plan menus annually.

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.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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 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.

Elementary students receive 90-119 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 50% of the minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

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.

Offer information via multiple channels and provide opportunities for physical activity at least once per quarter to all families that encourages them to teach their children about physical activity, and assists them in planning physical activity for their families.

Throughout the Day

Elementary school students have at least 15 minutes a day of supervised recess (not including time spent getting to and from the playground), preferably outdoors. Supervisory staff encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity.

School policy outlines guidance on conditions regulating indoor and outdoor recess during extreme weather conditions.

Each school provides equipment, instruction and supervision for active indoor recess.

Students that participate in indoor recess are provided moderate to vigorous physical activity opportunities.

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.

Physical Activity

Throughout the Day

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.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

Annual staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model .

Each semester provide staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model .

Each quarter provide staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity, mental health, and abstaining from tobacco and e-cigarettes are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model .

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

Annually partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

Quarterly, culturally relevant health education information is provided to families via handouts, postings on the school website, newsletters, presentations and workshops.

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

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Developing Policies

Nutrition

General Guidelines

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

The dining area has adequate adult supervision.

Lunch

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.

During the School Day

District develops nutritional standards for non-sold food and beverages made available on school campus during the school day.

Non-sold foods and beverages meet Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards The focus of classroom celebrations is not on food.

Nutrition Education

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Offer information to families at least once per semester that encourages them to teach their children about health, nutrition and agriculture education and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

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Physical Activity

Family & Community

Offer information via multiple channels at least once per semester to all families that encourages them to teach their children about physical activity, and assists them in planning physical activity for their families.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

Each semester, culturally relevant health education information is provided to families via handouts, postings on the school website, newsletters, presentations and workshops.

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:

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