

# Students

## Series 500

Policy Title: Wellness Policy

Code No. 507.09

The George-Little Rock Community School District Board of Education is committed to the optimal developments of every student. The board believes for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental, and social success, there needs to be a positive, safe, and health-promoting learning environment at every level, in every setting.

The school district provides a comprehensive learning environment for developing and practicing lifelong wellness behaviors. The entire school environment, not just the classroom, shall be aligned with healthy school district goals to positively influence a student's understanding, beliefs and habits as they relate to good nutrition and regular physical activity. In accordance with law and this belief, the board commits to the following:

The school district will identify at least one goal in each of the following areas:

- **Nutrition Education and Promotion:** Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that helps students develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors.
  - The **GOAL** for addressing nutrition education and nutrition promotion includes promoting fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, and healthy foods.
- **Physical Activity:** Schools will provide students and staff with age and grade appropriate opportunities to engage in physical activity that meet the Iowa Healthy Kids Act.
  - The **GOAL** for addressing physical activity includes promoting the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits.
- **Other School Based Activities and Promote Wellness:** As appropriate, schools will support students, staff, and parents' efforts to maintain a healthy lifestyle.
  - The **GOAL** for addressing other school-based activities that promote student wellness include permitting students to bring and carry water bottles filled with water throughout the day.
  - The **GOAL** for addressing physical activity in school staff includes promoting health and wellness programs to engage in healthy habits including quarterly wellness challenges and use of the school Fitness Center.

The following nutritional guidelines for food available on school campuses will be adhered to:

- Meals served through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program will be appealing and meet, at a minimum, nutrition requirements established by state and federal law;
- Schools providing access to healthy foods outside the reimbursable meal programs before school, during school and thirty minutes after school shall meet the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA") Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards, at a minimum. This includes such items as those sold through a la carte lines, vending machines, student run stores, and fundraising activities;
- Snacks provided to students during the school day without charge (e.g., class parties) will meet standards set by the district in accordance law. The district will provide parents a list of foods and beverages that meet nutrition standards via school website for classroom snacks and celebrations; and
- Schools will only allow marketing and advertising of foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks in school nutritional standards on campus during the school day.

The superintendent or superintendent's designee shall implement and ensure compliance with the policy by:

- Reviewing the policy at least every three years and recommending updates as appropriate for board approval;
- Implementing a process for permitting parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, administrators and the public to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the policy;
- Making the policy and updated assessment of the implementation available to the public (e.g., posting on the website, newsletters, etc.) This information shall include the extent to which the schools are in compliance with policy and a description of the progress being made in attaining the goals of the policy; and
- Developing administrative regulations, which shall include specific wellness goals and indicators for measurement of progress consistent with law and district policy.

**Note:** This is a mandatory policy.

**Legal Reference:**

42 U.S.C. 1751 *et seq.*

42 U.S.C. 1771 *et. seq.*

Iowa Code 256.7(29), 256.11(6)

281 IAC 12.5(19), 12.5(20), 58.11

**Cross Reference:**

504.5 Student Fund Raising

504.06 Student Activity Program

710.00 School Food Services

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