

PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE: STUDENT WELLNESS

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| <p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Authority SC 1422.1 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 nt Pol. 100</p> <p>3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 808</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">246. STUDENT WELLNESS</p> <p>The Pleasant Valley School District (PVSD) recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students’ physical well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.</p> <p>The Board adopts this policy based on the recommendations of the School Health Council and in accordance with federal and Commonwealth laws. The policy shall be included in the school district’s Strategic Plan.</p> <p>To ensure the health and well-being of all students, the Board establishes that the district shall provide to students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A comprehensive nutrition program consistent with federal and state requirements. 2. Access at reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet established nutritional guidelines. 3. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day as per approved PVSD curriculum. 4. Curriculum and programs for grades K-12 that are designed to educate students about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards. <p>The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to monitor schools of the school district, as well as programs and curriculum to ensure compliance with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations.</p> |
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| <p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 nt</p> <p>4. Guidelines</p> | <p>Each building principal or designee shall report to the Superintendent or designee regarding compliance in his/her school.</p> <p>Staff members responsible for programs related to student wellness shall report to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of such programs.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall annually report to the Board on the school district's compliance with law and policies related to student wellness. The report may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assessment of school environment regarding student wellness issues. 2. Evaluation of food services program. 3. Review of all foods and beverages sold in schools during school hours for compliance with established nutrition guidelines. 4. Listing of activities and programs conducted to promote nutrition and physical activity. 5. Recommendations for policy and/or program revisions. 6. Suggestions for improvement in specific areas. 7. Feedback received from school district staff, students, parents/guardians, community members and School Health Council. <p>An assurance that school district guidelines for reimbursable meals are not less restrictive than regulations and guidelines issued for schools in accordance with federal law shall be provided annually by the Food Service Director, Business Manager and/or Superintendent.</p> <p><u>School Health Council</u></p> <p>The Board shall appoint a School Health Council comprised of at least one (1) of each of the following: School Board member, school district administrator, school district food service representative, student, parent/guardian, member of the public, teacher, school nurse, school counselor, coach, classified staff, dietician, health professional, representative of local or county agency, representative of community organization, and other individuals chosen by the Board.</p> |
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| <p>SC 1513 Pol. 102, 105</p> | <p>The School Health Council shall serve as an advisory committee regarding student health issues and shall be responsible for developing a Student Wellness Policy that complies with law to recommend to the Board for adoption.</p> <p>The School Health Council may examine related research and laws, assess student needs and the current school environment, review existing Board policies and administrative regulations, and raise awareness about student health issues. The School Health Council may make policy recommendations to the Board related to other health issues necessary to promote student wellness.</p> <p>The School Health Council may survey parents/guardians and/or students; conduct community forums or focus groups; collaborate with appropriate community agencies and organizations; and engage in similar activities, within the budget established for these purposes.</p> <p>The School Health Council shall provide periodic reports to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of its work, as required.</p> <p><u>Nutrition Education</u></p> <p>The goal of nutrition education is to teach, encourage and support healthy eating by students. Promoting student health and nutrition enhances readiness for learning and increases student achievement.</p> <p>Nutrition education will be provided within the sequential, comprehensive health education program in accordance with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and the academic standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.</p> <p>Nutrition education shall provide all students with the knowledge and skills needed to lead healthy lives.</p> <p>Nutrition education lessons and activities shall be age-appropriate.</p> <p>Nutrition curriculum shall be behavior focused.</p> <p>Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subjects to complement but not replace academic standards based on nutrition education.</p> <p>Lifelong lifestyle balance shall be reinforced by linking nutrition education and physical activity.</p> |
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The staff responsible for providing nutrition education shall be properly trained and prepared and shall participate in appropriate professional development.

District staff shall cooperate with agencies and community organizations to provide opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition.

Consistent nutrition messages shall be disseminated throughout the school district in schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community and media.

Nutrition education shall extend beyond the school environment by engaging and involving families and communities.

Physical Activity

District schools shall strive to provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day for all students as per the PVSD approved curriculum.

District schools shall contribute to the effort to provide students opportunities to accumulate at least sixty (60) minutes of age-appropriate physical activity on all or most days of the week. That time will include physical activity outside the school environment, such as outdoor play at home, sports, etc.

Students shall be encouraged to participate daily in a variety of age-appropriate physical activities designed to achieve optimal health, wellness, fitness, and performance benefits.

Age-appropriate physical activity opportunities, such as recess; before and after school; during lunch; clubs; intramurals; and interscholastic athletics, shall be provided to meet the needs and interests of all students, in addition to planned physical education.

A physical and social environment that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students shall be maintained.

Extended periods of student inactivity shall be discouraged.

Physical activity breaks shall be provided for elementary students during classroom hours.

After-school programs shall provide developmentally appropriate physical activity for participating children.

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| <p>SC 1512.1 Pol. 102, 105</p> | <p>District schools shall partner with parents/guardians and community members to institute programs that support physical activity.</p> <p>Excessive physical activity shall not be used as a form of punishment.</p> <p>Students and the community shall have access to physical activity facilities outside school hours.</p> <p><u>Physical Education</u></p> <p>Quality physical education instruction that promotes lifelong physical activity and provides instruction in the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong participation shall be provided.</p> <p>Physical education classes shall be the means through which all students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.</p> <p>A comprehensive physical education course of study that focuses on providing students the skills, knowledge and confidence to participate in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity shall be implemented.</p> <p>A varied and comprehensive curriculum that leads to students becoming and remaining physically active for a lifetime shall be provided in the physical education program.</p> <p>A sequential physical education program consistent with State Board of Education curriculum regulations and Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards shall be developed and implemented. All school district students shall participate in physical education.</p> <p>Adequate amounts of planned instruction shall be provided in order for students to achieve the proficient level for the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.</p> <p>A local assessment system shall be implemented to track student progress on the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.</p> <p>Students shall be moderately to vigorously active as much time as possible during a physical education class. Documented medical conditions and disabilities shall be accommodated during class.</p> |
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Safe and adequate equipment, facilities and resources shall be provide for physical education courses.

Physical education shall be taught by certified health and physical education teachers.

Appropriate professional development shall be provided for physical education staff.

Physical activity shall not be used as a form of punishment.

Other School Based Activities

District schools shall provide adequate space for eating and serving school meals.

Students shall be provided a clean and safe meal environment.

Students shall be provided adequate time to eat breakfast and lunch.

Meal periods shall be scheduled at appropriate hours.

Drinking water shall be available at all meal periods and throughout the school day.

Students shall have access to hand washing or sanitizing before meals and snacks.

Qualified nutrition professionals shall administer the school meals program.

Professional development shall be provided for school district nutrition staff.

Access to the food service operation shall be limited to authorized staff.

Nutrition content of school meals shall be available to students and parents/guardians.

To the extent possible, the school district shall utilize available funding and outside programs to enhance student wellness.

The school district shall provide appropriate training to all staff on the components of the Student Wellness Policy.

Goals of the Student Wellness Policy shall be considered in planning all school based activities.

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| | <p>Consideration of healthy eating habits and wellness shall be given in fundraising projects submitted for approval.</p> <p>Administrators, teachers, food service personnel, students, parents/guardians, and community members shall be encouraged to serve as positive role models through district programs, communications and outreach efforts.</p> <p>The school district shall support the efforts of parents/guardians to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for children by communicating relevant information through various methods.</p> <p><u>Nutrition Guidelines</u></p> <p>All foods available in district schools during the school day shall be offered to students with consideration for promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity.</p> <p>Foods provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall comply with federal nutrition standards under the School Meals Initiative.</p> <p>Competitive foods and beverages are defined as any food or beverage offered or sold at school, other than through the National School Lunch (NSLP) or School Breakfast Programs, and in competition with reimbursable meals served through the NSLP or School Breakfast Program. They include a la carte food, snacks and beverages; fundraisers; classroom parties; holiday celebrations; and food from home.</p> <p>Exclusive competition food and/or beverage contracts shall be approved by the Board, in accordance with provisions of law.</p> <p>All competitive foods available to students in schools of the school district shall comply with the established nutrition guidelines, as listed in the attachments to this policy as well as the Student Wellness Plan.</p> <p><u>Safe Routes To School</u></p> <p>The school district shall cooperate with local municipalities, public safety agency, police departments, and community organizations to develop and maintain safe routes to school.</p> <p>District administrators shall seek and utilize available federal and state funding for safe routes to school, when appropriate.</p> |
| SC 504.1 | |
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References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 504.1, 1337.1, 1422, 1422.1, 1512.1, 1513

Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 notes

Board Policy – 100, 102, 105, 808