VALLEY VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION:PUPILSTITLE:STUDENT WELLNESSADOPTED:June 21, 2010

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	246. STUDENT WELLNESS
1. Purpose	Valley View School District 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.
 Authority SC 1422.1 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 nt Pol. 100 	The Board adopts the Student Wellness Policy based on the recommendations of the appointed Wellness Committee and in accordance with federal and state laws. The policy shall be included in the district's Strategic Plan.
101.100	To ensure the health and well-being of all students, the Board establishes that the district shall provide to students:
	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.
	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.
3. Delegation of Responsibility Pol. 808	The Superintendent shall be responsible to monitor district schools, programs, and curriculum to ensure compliance with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations.

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	Each building principal or designee shall report to the Superintendent regarding compliance in his/her school.
	Staff members responsible for programs related to student wellness shall report to the Superintendent regarding the status of such programs.
	The Superintendent shall annually report to the Board on the district's compliance with law and policies related to student wellness. The report may include:
	1. Evaluation of food services program.
	2. Review of all foods and beverages sold in schools for compliance with established nutrition guidelines.
	3. Listing of activities and programs conducted to promote nutrition and physical activity.
	4. Recommendations for policy and/or program revisions.
	5. Feedback received from district staff, students, parents/guardians, community members and Wellness Committee.
42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 nt	An assurance that 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:
	1. Food Service Director.
	2. Superintendent.
4. Guidelines	Wellness Committee
	The Board shall appoint a Wellness Committee comprised of at least one (1) of each of the following: School Board member, district administrator, district food service representative, student, parent/guardian, member of the public, teacher, school nurse, and school counselor.
	The Wellness Committee 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.

	The Wellness Committee 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 Wellness Committee may make policy recommendations to the Board related to other health issues necessary to promote student wellness.
	The Wellness Committee shall provide periodic reports to the Superintendent or designee regarding the status of its work, as required.
	Nutrition Education
	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.
SC 1513 Pol. 102, 105	Nutrition education will be provided within the sequential, comprehensive health education program in accordance with curriculum regulations and the academic standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.
	Nutrition education lessons and activities shall be age-appropriate.
	The staff responsible for providing nutrition education shall be properly trained and prepared and shall participate in appropriate professional development. Criteria shall be developed to measure "properly" and "appropriate."
	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 district, schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community and media.
	Physical Activity
	District schools shall determine how they will 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.

	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.
	Extended periods of student inactivity, two (2) hours or more, shall be discouraged.
	Physical activity breaks shall be provided for elementary students during classroom hours.
	Physical activity shall not be used as a form of punishment.
	Students and the community shall have access to physical activity facilities outside school hours.
	Physical Education
	Quality physical education instruction that promotes lifelong physical activity and provides instruction in the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong participation shall be provided.
	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.
	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.
SC 1512.1 Pol. 102, 105	A sequential physical education program consistent with curriculum regulations and Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards shall be developed and implemented. All district students must participate in physical education.
	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.
	Safe and adequate equipment, facilities and resources shall be provided 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, as defined by the district, for eating and serving school meals.
Students shall be provided a clean and safe meal environment.
Meal periods shall be scheduled at appropriate hours, as defined by the district.
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.
Nutrition professionals who meet criteria established by the district shall administer the school meals program.
Professional development shall be provided for district nutrition staff.
Nutrition content of school meals shall be available to students and parents/guardians.
Food shall not be used in the schools as a reward or punishment.
The 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.
Fundraising projects submitted for approval shall be supportive of healthy eating and student wellness.
The 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.

	Nutrition Guidelines
	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.
	Foods provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall comply with federal nutrition standards under the School Meals Initiative.
	Competitive foods are defined as foods offered at school other than through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs and include a la carte foods, snacks and beverages; vending food, snacks and beverages; school store food, snacks and beverages; fundraisers; classroom parties; holiday celebrations; and food from home.
	All competitive foods available to students in district schools shall comply with the Nutrition Standards for Competitive Foods in Pennsylvania Schools.
SC 504.1	Exclusive competitive food and/or beverage contracts shall be approved by the Board, in accordance with provisions of law.
	Safe Routes To School
	The district shall cooperate with local municipalities, public safety agency, police departments, and community organizations to develop and maintain safe routes to school.
	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 – 000, 100, 102, 105, 808