

STUDENT WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Board directs the Superintendent/designee to develop and maintain a student wellness plan in compliance with Federal law.

The student wellness plan:

1. includes goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness that are developed with consideration of evidence-based strategies and techniques;
2. includes nutrition guidelines for all foods provided, but not sold to students in the District during the school day in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity;
3. provides assurance that District guidelines for all food and beverages sold during the school day are, at a minimum, equal to the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and that marketing of foods and beverages on the school campus during the school day is prohibited for foods or beverages that do not meet the nutritional standards established by the District in accordance with USDA regulations and
4. establishes a plan of implementation and evaluation, including designating one or more persons within the District with the responsibility for ensuring that the District is compliant with Federal law.

Development of the student wellness plan must be a collaborative effort between parents, students, food service workers, physical education teachers, school health professionals, administrators, the Board and the public.

The District notifies the public of the wellness plan at least annually. The wellness plan is assessed at least once every three years and the results of the assessment are made available to the public.

The District reports compliance with the establishment of a wellness committee to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30 annually through the consolidated school mandate report.

If the District reports noncompliance the Superintendent/designee must provide a written explanation to the Board within 30 days explaining this noncompliance and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

[Adoption date:]

LEGAL REFS.: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act; Pub. L. No. 108-265
(Title I, Section 204), 118 Stat. 729
National School Lunch Act; 42 USC 1751 et seq.
Child Nutrition Act; 42 USC 1771 et seq.
7 CFR, Subtitle B, Chapter 11, Part 210
7 CFR 220
7 CFR 225
7 CFR 245
ORC 3301.68
3313.814
OAC 3301-91-09

CROSS REFS.: EF, Food Services Management
EFB, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
EFF, Food Sale Standards
IGAE, Health Education
IGAF, Physical Education
KJ, Advertising in the Schools

NOTE: In response to the Reauthorization of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Act of 2004, districts are required to develop a “school wellness” policy. Components of the program are listed in the policy.

On July 29, 2016, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service finalized regulations to create a framework and guidelines for locally established written wellness policies. The final rule expands the existing requirements to strengthen policies and increase transparency. The final rule became effective August 29, 2016 and it requires districts to begin developing a revised local wellness policy during the 2016-2017 school year, with full compliance by June 30, 2017.

Districts that allow the marketing of food and beverages to students must have policies that allow marketing and advertising of only those foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Senate Bill 216 (2018) enacted Ohio Revised Code (RC) 3301.68 requiring the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) to establish, distribute and monitor a consolidated school mandate report for school districts. Except where specifically required by law, ODE cannot require a separate report for the items included in the report. Each district must complete and file the report by November 30 annually.

The report must require each district or school to denote “yes” to indicate compliance or “no” to indicate noncompliance with the following prescribed items and to provide any other information that the department requests regarding those items:

- ***Training on the use of physical restraint or seclusion on students;***
- ***Training on harassment, intimidation, or bullying;***
- ***Training on the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and an automated external defibrillator;***
- ***Training on crisis prevention intervention;***
- ***The establishment of a wellness committee;***
- ***The reporting of a district’s or school’s compliance with nutritional standards;***
- ***Screening for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders of students enrolled for the first time in kindergarten or first grade and***
- ***Compliance with interdistrict and intradistrict open enrollment requirements.***

If a district or school denotes “no” on any item it must provide a written explanation to the board within 30 days for why that item was not completed and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

NOTE: THIS IS A REQUIRED POLICY