

STUDENT WELLNESS

Policy Statement

The Westmoreland County School Board recognizes the link between student health and learning and desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and physical activity in division students.

Goals

Based on review and consideration of evidence-based strategies and techniques, the Westmoreland County School Board has established the following goals to promote student wellness.

Nutrition Promotion and Education

Students receive nutrition education that teaches the skills they need to adopt and maintain healthy eating behaviors.

Nutrition education is offered in the school cafeteria as well as in the classroom, with coordination between the foodservice staff and other school personnel, including teachers.

Students receive consistent nutrition messages from all aspects of the school program.

Division health education curriculum standards and guidelines address both nutrition and physical education.

Nutrition is integrated into the health education or core curricula (e.g., math, science, language arts).

Schools link nutrition education activities with the coordinated school health program.

Staff who provide nutrition education have appropriate training.

The level of student participation in the school breakfast and school lunch programs is appropriate.

Food Services staff provide students with opportunities for taste testing and menu planning.

Food Services staff utilize student feedback to improve the quality of school meal programs.

Food Services staff promote healthy eating and nutrition education with signage, use of creative menus, posters, bulletin boards, etc.

Physical activity

The Westmoreland County school division has a goal of making a program of physical fitness available to all students for at least 150 minutes per week on average during the regular school year. Such program may include any combination of physical education classes, extracurricular activities and other programs and physical activities. The division's goal for the implementation of its physical fitness program is: ***Students will make choices that result in a safe and healthy life.***

Students are given opportunities for physical activity during the school day through physical education (PE) classes, daily recess periods for elementary school students and the integration of physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.

Students are given opportunities for physical activity through a range of before- and/or after-school programs including, but not limited to, intramurals, interscholastic athletics and physical activity clubs.

Schools encourage parents and guardians to support their children's participation in physical activity, to be physically active role models and to include physical activity in family events.

Other school-based activities

An adequate amount of time is allowed for students to eat meals in adequate lunchroom facilities.

All children who participate in subsidized food programs are able to obtain food in a non-stigmatizing manner.

The availability of subsidized food programs is adequately publicized in ways designed to reach families eligible to participate in the programs.

Environmentally-friendly practices such as the use of locally grown and seasonal foods, school gardens and non-disposable tableware have been considered and implemented where appropriate.

Physical activities and/or nutrition services or programs designed to benefit staff health have been considered and, to the extent practical, implemented.

Nutrition Standards and Guidelines

The superintendent is responsible for creating

- regulations to develop and implement standards for all foods and beverages provided, but not sold, to students on the school campus during the school day; and
- standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day that promote student health and reduce childhood obesity and are consistent with the applicable standards and requirements in 7 C.F.R. §§ 210.10, 210.11 and 220.8.

Marketing on the school campus during the school day is permitted only for those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards under 7 C.F.R. § 210,11.

Implementation

The School Board encourages parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, school administrators and the general public to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of this policy.

The Superintendent is responsible for overseeing the implementation of this policy and developing procedures for evaluating the policy, including indicators that will be used to measure its success.

Implementation procedures include measuring and making available to the public, at least once every three years, an assessment of the implementation of the policy, including the extent to which schools are in compliance with the policy, the extent to which this policy compares to model school wellness policies and a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the policy. The results of the triennial assessment are considered in updating the policy.

The School Board retains the following records to document compliance with 7 C.F.R. § 210.31:

- the policy;
- documents demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the policy and triennial assessments available to the public; and
- documentation of the triennial assessment of the policy.

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Legal Refs: 42 U.S.C. § 1758b.

7 C.F.R. 210.3.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:1.

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| Cross Refs: | EFB | Free and Reduced Price Food Services |
| | IGAE/IGAF | Health Education/Physical Education |
| | JL | Fund Raising and Solicitation |
| | JHCH | School Meals and Snacks |
| | KQ | Commercial, Promotional and Corporate Sponsorships and Partnerships |