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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

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FROM: Don Vennetti, Director of Food Services

RE: Approval of Second Reading of New Policy/ Replacing the old Policy 6700

TYPE: Action Required

The attached Policy 6700, Local Health and Wellness, has been reviewed and legal references updated, to meet the mandates of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, Public Law 111-296.

This new policy was the work of a year-long Health and Wellness Committee consisting of a representation of parents, teachers, health professionals, food service personnel, principals, and a school board member. This committee met four times this school year to go over the guidelines for the mandated Federal Law.

The following policy is on the consent agenda for approval of the second reading/adoption, under the Management Support section:

- a. Policy 6700, Local Health and Wellness

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approves the second reading/adoption of new policy 6700 Local Health and Wellness, replacing old policy 6700 Nutrition and Physical Fitness.

LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Stanwood-Camano School District (hereto referred to as the District) is committed to the optimal development of every student. The District believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental and social success, we need to create positive, safe and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year.

Research shows that two components, good nutrition and physical activity before, during and after the school day, are strongly correlated with positive student outcomes. For example, student participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) School Breakfast Program is associated with higher grades and standardized test scores, lower absenteeism and better performance on cognitive tasks.^{1,11,14,16} Conversely, less-than-adequate consumption of specific foods including fruits, vegetables and dairy products, is associated with lower grades among students.¹⁴ In addition, students who are physically active through active transport to and from school, recess, physical activity breaks, high-quality physical education and extracurricular activities – do better academically.^{11,13,14,16} Finally, there is evidence that adequate hydration is associated with better cognitive performance.^{15,16,17}

This policy outlines the District’s approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. Specifically, this policy establishes goals and procedures to ensure that:

- Students in the District have access to healthy foods throughout the school day – both through reimbursable school meals and other foods available throughout the school campus in accordance with Federal and state nutrition standards;
- Students receive quality nutrition education that helps them develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors;
- Students have opportunities to be physically active before, during and after school;
- Schools engage in nutrition and physical activity promotion and other activities that promote student wellness;
- School staff are encouraged and supported to practice healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors in and out of school;
- The community is engaged in supporting the work of the District in creating continuity between school and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits; and
- The District establishes and maintains an infrastructure for management, oversight, implementation, communication about and monitoring of the policy and its established goals and objectives.

This policy applies to all students, staff and schools in the District. Specific measureable goals and outcomes are identified within each section below.

- The District will coordinate the wellness policy with other aspects of school management, including the District’s School Improvement Plan, when appropriate.

I. School Wellness Committee

Committee Role and Membership

The District will convene a representative district wellness committee (hereto referred to as the DWC or work within an existing school health committee) that meets at least four times per year to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this district-level wellness policy (heretofore referred as “wellness policy”).

The DWC membership will represent all school levels (elementary and secondary schools) and include (to the extent possible), but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program (e.g., school nutrition director); physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals (e.g., health education teachers, school health services staff [e.g.,

nurses, physicians, dentists, health educators, and other allied health personnel who provide school health services], and mental health and social services staff [e.g., school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or psychiatrists]; school administrators (e.g., superintendent, principal, vice principal), school board members; health professionals (e.g., dietitians, doctors, nurses, dentists); and the general public. When possible, membership will also include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education coordinators (SNAP-Ed). To the extent possible, the DWC will include representatives from each school building and reflect the diversity of the community.

Leadership

The Superintendent or designee(s) will convene the DWC and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy, and will ensure each school's compliance with the policy. The designated official for oversight is Don Vennetti, Food Service Director, dvennetti@stanwood.wednet.edu

Each school's Principal and/or designee will serve as a school wellness policy coordinator, who will ensure compliance with the policy.

II. Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability and Community Engagement

Implementation Plan

The District will develop and maintain a plan for implementation to manage and coordinate the execution of this wellness policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines specific to each school; and includes information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where and when; as well as specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. It is recommended that the school use the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school-level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation and generate an annual progress report.

This wellness policy and the progress reports can be found at: www.stanwood.wednet.edu

Recordkeeping

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at District's Administrative Office and/or on the District's Central computer network

Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- The written wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating that the policy has been made available to the public;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the Local Schools Wellness Policy; including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods the district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the DWC;
- Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements;
- The most recent assessment on the implementation of the local school wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the Local School Wellness Policy has been made available to the public.

Annual Notification of Policy

The District will actively inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The District will make this information available via the district website and/or district-wide communications. The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the District's or school's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation.

Annually, the District will also publicize the name and contact information of the District/school officials leading and coordinating the committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the school wellness committee.

Triennial Progress Assessments

At least once every three years, the District will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the District are in compliance with the wellness policy;
- The extent to which the District's wellness policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the District's wellness policy.

The position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and contact information is: Don Vennetti, Food Services Director, dvennetti@stanwood.wednet.edu, 360-629-1208.

The DWC, in collaboration with individual schools, will monitor schools' compliance with this wellness policy.

The District will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

Revisions and Updating the Policy

The DWC will update or modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual School Health Index and triennial assessments and/or as District priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. **The wellness policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.**

Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The District is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The District will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for that district. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The District will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the district's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The District will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the district and individual schools are communicating important school information with parents.

The District will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The District will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

III. Nutrition

School Meals

Our school district is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have

zero grams *trans-fat* per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

All schools within the District participate in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). All schools within the District are committed to offering school meals through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- Are accessible to all students;
- Are appealing and attractive to children;
- Are served in clean and pleasant settings;
- Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. (The District offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.)
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices using at least ten of the following Smarter Lunchroom techniques:
 - Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets
 - Sliced or cut fruit is available daily.
 - Daily fruit options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students.
 - All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal.
 - White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers when possible.
 - Alternative entrée options (e.g., salad bar, yogurt parfaits, etc.) are highlighted on posters or signs within all service and dining areas.
 - A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students
 - Student surveys and taste testing opportunities will be used to help with menu development, dining space decor and promotional ideas whenever possible.
 - Student artwork is displayed in the service and/or dining areas when possible.
 - Daily announcements are used to promote and market menu options at all schools.
- Menus will be posted on the District website or individual school websites, and will include nutrient content and ingredients (when available)
- School meals are administered by a team of child nutrition professionals.
- The District Food Services program will accommodate students with special dietary needs.
- Students will be allowed at least 10 minutes to eat breakfast and at least 20 minutes to eat lunch, counting from the time they have received their meal and are seated.
- School Administration will be cognizant of the capacity and comfort (a state of physical ease) of each of their lunch rooms. And when overcrowding appears to be questionable will consider adding another lunch period to accommodate the number of student's comfortably.
- Students are served lunch at a reasonable and appropriate time of day.
- Lunch following the recess period is strongly recommended to better support learning and healthy eating at the Elementary level.
- Participation in Federal child nutrition programs will be promoted among students and families to help ensure that families know what programs are available in their children's school.

Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

Water

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day* and throughout every school campus* ("school campus" and "school day" are defined in

the glossary). The District will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

- Water cups/jugs will be available in the cafeteria if a drinking fountain is not present.
- All water sources and containers will be maintained on a regular basis to ensure good hygiene and health safety standards. Such sources and containers may include drinking fountains, water jugs, hydration stations, water jets and other methods for delivering drinking water.]
- Students will be allowed to bring and carry (approved) water bottles filled with only water with them throughout the day.

Competitive Foods and Beverages

The District is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus* during the school day* support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (e.g., “competitive” foods and beverages) will meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, at a minimum. Smart Snacks aim to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. A summary of the standards and information, as well as a Guide to Smart Snacks in Schools are available at:

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-smart-snacks>. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation provides a set of tools to assist with implementation of Smart Snacks available at www.foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org.

To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold to students on the school campus during the school day* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, à la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and snack or food carts.

Celebrations and Rewards

All foods offered on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including through:

1. Celebrations and parties. Celebrations and Parties are consolidated to one per month (to include birthdays). The district will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas. Healthy party ideas are available from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and from the USDA.
2. Classroom snacks brought by parents. Snacks must be purchased from a store or through school food services with an ingredients list. The District will provide to parents a list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards.
3. Rewards and incentives. The District will provide teachers and other relevant school staff a list of alternative ways to reward children. Foods and beverages are strongly discouraged to be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

Fundraising

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus* during the school day*. The District will make available to parents and teachers a list of healthy fundraising ideas [*examples from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the USDA*].

- By June 30*, 2018 schools will use only non-food fundraisers, and encourage those promoting physical activity (such as walk-a-thons, Jump Rope for Heart, fun runs, etc.).
- Fundraising during school hours will sell only non-food items or foods and beverages that meet or exceed the Smart Snacks nutrition standards.

- Fundraising dinners after school hours would be exempt from the Smart Snacks nutrition standards.

Nutrition Promotion

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout schools, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most effective when implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff, teachers, parents, students and the community.

The District will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs. This promotion will occur through at least:

- Implementing at least ten or more evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs using Smarter Lunchroom techniques; and
- Ensuring 100% of foods and beverages promoted to students meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additional promotion techniques that the District and individual schools may use are available at <http://www.foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/>.

Nutrition Education

The District will teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by all students. Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences and elective subjects whenever possible;
- Includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant and participatory activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits and school gardens;
- Promotes fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products and healthy food preparation methods;
- Emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical activity/exercise);
- Links with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, other school foods and nutrition-related community services;
- Teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and
- Includes nutrition education training for teachers and other staff.

In elementary schools, nutrition education will be offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based health education curriculum that meets state and national standards whenever possible.

All health education teachers will provide opportunities for students to practice or rehearse the skills taught through the health education curricula.

Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education

The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on healthy eating:

- Relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention
- Food guidance from MyPlate

- Reading and using FDA's nutrition fact labels
- Eating a variety of foods every day
- Balancing food intake and physical activity
- Eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grain products
- Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat
- Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars
- Eating more calcium-rich foods
- Preparing healthy meals and snacks
- Risks of unhealthy weight control practices
- Accepting body size differences
- Food safety
- Importance of water consumption
- Importance of eating breakfast
- Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants
- Eating disorders
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Reducing sodium intake
- Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior
- How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully?
- Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior
- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior

Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools

The District is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. The District strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on District property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information the District is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of the District to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the school campus, consistent with the District's wellness policy.

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus* during the school day* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Food and beverage marketing is defined as advertising and other promotions in schools. Food and beverage marketing often includes an oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product." This term includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Brand names, trademarks, logos or tags, except when placed on a physically present food or beverage product or its container.
- Displays, such as on vending machine exteriors
- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on school equipment, such as marquees, message boards, scoreboards or backboards (Note: immediate replacement of these items are not required; however, districts will replace or update scoreboards or other durable equipment when existing contracts are up for renewal or to the extent that is financially possible over time so that items are in compliance with the marketing policy.)
- Corporate brand, logo, name or trademark on cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards, coolers, trash cans and other food service equipment; as well as on posters, book covers, pupil assignment books or school supplies displayed, distributed, offered or sold by the District.
- Advertisements in school publications or school mailings.
- Free product samples, taste tests or coupons of a product, or free samples displaying advertising of a product.

As the District/school nutrition services/ Athletics Department/PTA/PTO reviews existing contracts and considers new contracts, equipment and product purchasing (and replacement) decisions should reflect the applicable marketing guidelines established by the District wellness policy.

IV. Physical Activity

Children and adolescents should participate in at least 180 minutes of physical activity every day. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive school physical activity program (CSPAP). A CSPAP reflects strong coordination and synergy across all of the components: quality physical education as the foundation; physical activity before, during and after school; staff involvement and family and community engagement and the district is committed to providing these opportunities. Schools will ensure that these varied physical activity opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). Create a progressive, sequential health and fitness curriculum, based on scientific principles, that promotes age sensitive locomotor skills and nurtures the developing neuromuscular system. But, is presented as spontaneous, care-free PLAY.

The child's engagement in varied physical activities promote motor skill development and milestones; appropriate response to auditory / visual stimuli (ability to react), balance (core stability- avoid injurious fall, overcome forces acting on the body), rhythmic body control (locomotor- running, skipping), synchronization of upper and lower body movements (change direction), kinesthetic awareness and differentiation (accurately exert and dissipate forces on and from the environment- jump over an obstacle, tuck and roll), movement adequacy (economy of movement), spatial orientation (eye hand / foot, know where one is relative to everything else)

Maximizing opportunities for children to engage in physical activity that is unstructured, child-centric with indirect adult supervision will promote and develop cognitive abilities and social skills by the simple nature of multiple children interacting together. Creating an environment where children can engage one another will provide optimum opportunity for children to develop skills of cooperation, conflict resolution, creativity, consensus building, communication.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, classroom physical activity breaks or physical education) **will not be withheld** as punishment for any reason. The district will provide teachers and other school staff with a list of ideas for alternative ways to discipline students.

To the extent practicable, the District will ensure that its grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to students to be active. The District will conduct necessary inspections and repairs.

Through a formal joint or shared use agreement, indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities and spaces will be open to students, their families, and the community outside of school hours.

Physical Education

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. The District will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

All District **elementary students** in each grade will receive physical education for at least 100 minutes per week throughout the entire school year. All District **middle school students** are required to take physical education throughout the entire school year (not limited to one semester.) All District **high school** students are required to take physical education throughout their high school career.

Waivers, exemptions, or substitutions for physical education classes are not granted without medical doctor's approval.

All physical education teachers in [District] will be required to participate in at least a once a year professional development in education.

The implementation of Functional Human Movement in the curriculum design will encompass a balance of the five elements of physical fitness. "The ability to carry out daily tasks with vigor and alertness without undue fatigue, and with ample energy to enjoy leisure-time pursuits and respond to emergencies." – Centers for Disease Control

Structured physical activities (PE and in-season/offseason sports conditioning) will promote optimal Function Human Movement to facilitate neuromotor development and with a curriculum well balanced among each of the seven components of Functional Human Movement:

1. Balance Ability to avoid falling. Ability to maintain sufficient core stability to effectively use arms and legs to accomplish the desired task
2. Movement Accuracy- Ability to accomplish a task with economy of movement and minimal effort.
3. Proper Response to Auditory/Visual Stimuli- Ability to quickly and appropriately respond to a stimulus
4. Rhythmic Movement- Ability to determine extent of movement in time
5. Kinesthetic Differentiation- Ability to correctly estimate how much force is necessary to produce the desired result
6. Synchronized Movement- Ability to perform and control unrelated movements of multiple body parts.
7. Spatial Awareness- Ability to know where you are in space and in reference to external environmental considerations.

The curriculum is balanced between each component of Functional Human Movement and the elements of physical fitness (found below) without any one area being a prominent area of emphasis in duration, intensity, or frequency.

1. Strength - The ability to perform work
2. Endurance - The ability to endure strength
3. Flexibility - The ability to move the joints of the body through the full anatomical and physiological range of motion and maintain end range of motion with adequate stability
4. Speed - The rate of change of one's position
5. Coordination - the synchronization of neurological processes that excite the motor cortex to employ a specific motor program directing specific movements of one part of the body, without spilling over to other parts of the motor cortex directing other parts of the body.

All strength activities will incorporate core stability. Any activity that isolates the upper or lower body without simultaneously engaging the core is prohibited.

Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education

Health education will be required in all grades (elementary) and the district will require middle and high school students to take and pass at least one health education course. The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 the following essential topics on physical activity:

- The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity
- How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight
- How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process
- How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease
- Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition
- Differences between physical activity, exercise and fitness
- Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout and cool down
- Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community
- Preventing injury during physical activity

- Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia and sunburn while being physically active
- How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time and type of physical activity
- Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan
- Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan
- Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids
- Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness
- How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity
- How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity.

Recess (Elementary)

Recess is a period for unstructured physical activity. Recess will not substitute for a physical education class.

Age-appropriate physical activity is a neuro-motor development sequence whereby activities are self-selected, random and controlled by the child in an unstructured, natural setting and gradually, year by year, the activities organically become collective, social, with loose structure determined by the children that shows a semblance to games. There can be multiple activities occurring in a designated area at any given time. The child's participation is free flowing in that the child will move among different activities at will. The child typically, when asked, will describe the activity(ies) as fun.

Administration will not structure, provide direct supervision, intervene or impede upon the natural progressions and dynamics of Functional Human Movement activities during recess times.

Administration will only take measures to establish the limits and boundaries of offending physical activities if it is determined there is a serious injury potential, excessive bullying, or overly exclusive. If administration determines adult intervention is required the enacted solution will provide children with constructive choices to modify the high risk activity but shall not restrict the development of Functional Human Movements, neuro-motor development and other psych-social benefits of unstructured physical activity events. For example, a restriction on playing "tag" cannot be imposed on the whole. The child or children in question will be better served by addressing his/her situation individually such that all other children's development opportunities are not compromised. Tag games have been played by children since the dawn of time and develop all seven components of Functional Human Movement

All elementary schools will offer at least **20 minutes of recess twice a day** on all days during the school year *This policy may be waived on early dismissal or late arrival days.* Schools will have appropriate hand-washing facilities and/or hand-sanitizing mechanisms located just inside/outside the cafeteria to ensure proper hygiene, students are required to use these mechanisms before eating and before returning to class.

Recess will be conducted outdoors unless extreme weather conditions (as defined by the national weather service) deem otherwise. Parents are advised to dress their children for prevailing weather conditions. Families should contact school offices to request clothing support if needed.

In the event that the school or district must conduct **indoor recess**, teachers and staff will follow indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students as per the seven components of human movement, to the extent practicable.

Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active.

Classroom Physical Activity Breaks (Elementary and Secondary)

The District recognizes that students are more attentive and ready to learn if provided with periodic breaks when they can be physically active. Thus, students will be offered **periodic opportunities** to be

active throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The District recommends teachers provide short (3-5-minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time at least three days per week. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

The District will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for classroom physical activity breaks.

Active Academics

Teachers will incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into “core” subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

The District will support classroom teachers incorporating physical activity and employing kinesthetic learning approaches into core subjects by providing annual professional development opportunities and resources, including information on leading activities, activity options, as well as making available background material on the connections between learning and movement.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

Mental Wellness

The District encourages schools to provide at least 20-30 Minutes per week of developmentally appropriate mental health/ wellness education to all students at every grade level. The District further encourages schools to ensure discipline policies are mindful of students’ emotional well-being in finding the most reasonable and most effective discipline methods.

Before and After School Activities

The District offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity either before and/or after the school day through a variety of methods. The District will encourage students to be physically active before and after school and strongly encourages unstructured opportunities after the students get off the bus and prior to the beginning of the school day.

Active Transport

The District will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The District will encourage this behavior by engaging in *six or more* of the activities below; including but not limited to:

- Designate safe or preferred routes to school
- Consider more community bus stops for students
- Secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmets (e.g., shed, cage, fenced area)
- Instruction on walking/bicycling safety provided to students
- Promote safe routes program to students, staff, and parents via newsletters, websites
- Use crossing guards
- Use crosswalks on streets leading to schools

V. Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness

The District will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues and physical activity facilities. The District will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition, mental wellness and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

Schools in the District are encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in mathematics, with consultation provided by either the school or the District’s curriculum experts.

28A.235.130	Milk for children at school expense
28A.623.020	Nonprofit meal program for elderly — Authorized — Restrictions
Title 69.04 RCW	Intrastate Commerce in Food, Drugs, Cosmetics, and Poisons
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NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL FITNESS

~~The Board believes that food and beverages provided at school should promote healthy eating among students and teach positive eating behaviors students should maintain throughout their lives. The Board further believes that proper nutrition will support students being ready to learn while at school. Research indicates that becoming physically active and maintaining a regular physical activity program significantly reduces the risk of some obesity and some cancers, diabetes, and other chronic diseases. Children who eat well-balanced meals and are healthy are more likely to learn in the classroom. Furthermore, the Board supports increased emphasis on physical activity at all grade levels to enhance the well being of our district's youth.~~

~~Therefore, it is the policy of the Board to:~~

- ~~A. Provide students with access to nutritious food;~~
- ~~B. Provide opportunities for physical activity and developmentally appropriate exercise; and~~
- ~~C. Provide accurate information related to these topics; and~~
- ~~D. Meet the requirements of state and federal law regarding meals served by the school nutrition and food services operation.~~

~~Because of the potential liability, of the district, the food services program shall not accept donation of food other than as provided in this policy without the express approval of the Board. Should such donations be approved, the superintendent shall establish inspection and handling procedures for the food and determine that the provisions of all state and local laws have been met before selling the food as part of the school lunch menu.~~

~~The superintendent shall establish nutritional standards and guidelines for foods and beverages served to students during the school day.~~

Free And Reduced Price Food Services

~~The district shall provide free and reduced price lunches and milk to students according to the terms of the National School Lunch Program and the laws, rules of the state. The district shall inform parents of the eligibility standards for free or reduced price lunches. Reasonable efforts shall be made to protect the identity of students receiving such lunches. A parent has the right to appeal any decision with respect to his/her application for free or reduced price food services to the superintendent.~~

~~The board of directors may establish a program whereby school lunches may be provided to anyone other than students of the district at the greatest price charged any student plus an amount representing the portion of the lunch cost paid for from state and federal assistance (cash and food).~~

Surplus Commodities

~~The district shall use food commodities made available under the Federal Food Commodity Program for school menus.~~

Physical Education Curriculum

~~Students experience a physical education and fitness curriculum consistent with the Essential Academic Learning Requirements. The curriculum will provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate instruction for K-12. Evaluation procedures will utilize classroom-based assessment or other strategies.~~

~~All students in grades one through eight are required to complete an average of one hundred instructional minutes per week of physical education. This includes instruction and practice in basic movement and fine motor skills, progressive physical fitness, and wellness activities through age-appropriate activities. All high school students are required to complete two credits of health and fitness. The district encourages all high schools to offer a variety of health and fitness classes for each grade in the high school.~~

~~Suitable adapted physical education shall be included as part of individual education plans for students with chronic health problems, other disabling conditions, or other special needs that preclude such student's participation in regular physical education instruction or activities.~~

~~In addition to required physical education, students at the elementary level should have the opportunity to participate in daily recess and physical activity. The district shall provide daily recess period(s) for elementary school students, featuring time for unstructured but supervised active play. The district is encouraged to provide adequate co-curricular physical activity programs, including fully inclusive intramural programs and physical activity clubs, and to promote the use of school facilities for physical activity programs offered by the school and/or community based organizations outside of school hours~~

Cross References:	Board Policy 2100	Instructional Program Offerings
	Board Policy 4260	Use of School Facilities
Legal References:	RCW 28A.230.404	Physical Education – Grades 1-8
	28A.230.050	Physical Education in High School
	28A.235.120	Lunchrooms — Establishment and operation — Personnel for — Agreement for
	28A.235	Surplus or Donated Food Commodities for School Hot Lunch Programs
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