

D0291 - Grinnell Public Schools is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's physical activity and integrated school based wellness. Therefore, it is the policy of D0291 - Grinnell Public Schools

Policies in Place

Nutrition

General Guidelines

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 5 years. Continuing education training for all food service personnel meets federal and state requirements.

The dining area has seating to accommodate all students during each serving period.

The food service area is clean, orderly, and has an inviting atmosphere that encourages meal consumption.

The dining area has adequate adult supervision.

The dining area has food service personnel and supervisory staff use positive communication cues with students to promote consumption of foods served as part of Child Nutrition Programs.

The dining area had adults model healthy eating in the dining areas and encourage students to taste new and/or unfamiliar foods.

The students are allowed to converse with one another at least part of the meal time.

Mealtime conversation is not prohibited for the entire meal time as disciplinary action.

Reimbursable meals and/or parts of a reimbursable meal are not withheld or denied as a disciplinary action.

One "Smarter Lunchroom" or a Behavioral Economics technique is used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Two "Smarter Lunchroom" or Behavioral Economics techniques are used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Three "Smarter Lunchroom" or Behavioral Economics techniques are used on the serving line to encourage healthy choices by students.

Content of reimbursable lunch and breakfast is identified near or at the beginning of the serving line(s).

Kansas food products that are served as part of the school meals program are identified at the beginning or on the serving line.

A Kansas product is served in the school meals program at least one time per week.

Breakfast

All school breakfasts comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

At least three different fruits are offered each week on three different days. At least one fruit per week is served fresh.

At least five different fruits are offered each week. At least two fruits per week are to be served fresh.

Students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

District offers at least 15 minutes "seat time" to eat breakfast (not including time spent walking to and from class or waiting in line) or Grab n Go breakfast options are available.

Lunch

All school lunches comply with USDA regulations and state policies.

At least three different fruits are offered each week. Two fruits per week are served fresh.

One additional 1/2 cup* vegetable offering weekly from any of three vegetable subgroups (dark-green, red/orange, dry beans and peas).

Students have at least 20 minutes "seat time" to eat lunch not including time spent walking to/from class or waiting in line.

All Food Sold in Schools

All foods and beverages sold in schools are in compliance with USDA's Smart Snacks in School "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

During the School Day

Students have access to free drinking water throughout the school day, including during meal service. Hygiene standards for all methods delivering drinking water will be maintained.

Students are allowed to have clear/translucent individual water bottles in the classroom where appropriate.

District develops nutritional standards for non-sold food and beverages made available on school campus during the school day.

School
Meals
Caffeine

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Promotion

Students provide input on foods offered in the cafeteria.

District promotes participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) if applicable and to choose nutritious foods and beverages throughout the day. Menus are posted on school website and/or distributed to families via another method.

Nutrition Education

All students in grades K-12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, will have the opportunity to participate in culturally relevant participatory activities, as appropriate, and a variety

of learning experiences that support development of healthful eating habits that are based on the most recent Dietary Guidelines for Americans and evidence-based information.

Include nutrition education as part of physical education/health education classes and/or stand-alone courses for all grade levels, including curricula that promote skill development.

Active learning experiences are provided such as involving students in food preparation or other hands-on activities at least once a semester.

Integrate age-appropriate nutrition education into other core subjects such as math, science, language arts, and social sciences, as well as into at least one non-core/elective subject.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas, classrooms, hallways, gymnasium, and/or bulletin boards that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Physical Activity

General Guidelines

All students in grades K - 12, including those with disabilities, special health care needs and in alternative education settings, have the opportunity to participate in moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 2 times per week during the entire school year.

District prohibits the use of physical activity as a punishment. District prohibit withholding physical activity, including recess and physical education, as punishment.

District uses extra physical activity time as a classroom reward.

Throughout the Day

Elementary school students have two supervised recess periods per day, totaling at least 30 minutes (not including time spent getting to and from the playground), with one being offered in the morning. Supervisory staff encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity.

School policy outlines guidance on conditions regulating indoor and outdoor recess during extreme weather conditions.

Each school provides equipment, instruction and supervision for active indoor recess.

Students that participate in indoor recess are provided moderate to vigorous physical activity opportunities.

Structured physical activity opportunities, in addition to physical education and recess (where applicable), are encouraged for all students.

Physical Education

Physical education is taught by teachers licensed by the Kansas State Department of Education.

Physical Education teaches basic motor skills, enhances knowledge of concepts related to movement needed to achieve and maintain health for lifetime physical activity.

Elementary students receive 90-119 minutes of physical education per week, which includes at least 50% of the minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity.

Physical education curriculum encourages a multi-dimensional fitness assessment.

Before & After School

Extracurricular physical activity programs, such as a physical activity club or intramural programs, are offered.

Family & Community

Community members are provided access to the district's outdoor physical activity facilities.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

Annual staff wellness activities and/or professional development opportunities related to nutrition, physical activity and abstaining from tobacco are provided to encourage school staff to serve as healthy role models. Staff wellness activities and training may also include additional components of the Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child Model.

Annually partner with local health agencies and community organizations.

District Wellness Committee will discuss the development of a farm to school program.

The local school wellness policy committee meets at least twice per year.

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Elementary Wellness Policies

The following Wellness Policies are in the process of being developed:

Developing Policies

Nutrition

General Guidelines

All school food service personnel receive required food safety training at a minimum of every 3 years.

All school food service personnel receive food safety training annually.

Nutrition Education

Nutrition Education

District administrators inform teachers and other school personnel about opportunities to participate in professional development on nutrition and teaching nutrition.

Include nutrition and health posters, signage, or displays in the cafeteria food service and dining areas that are rotated, updated or changed quarterly.

Offer information to families at least once per semester that encourages them to teach their children about health and nutrition, and assists them in planning nutritious meals for their families.

Physical Activity

Before & After School

An assessment on walking and/or biking to school has been completed to determine safety and feasibility.

Integrated School Based Wellness

General Guidelines

The school wellness committee makes appropriate updates or modification to wellness policy based on assessment and an update on the progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy is made available to the public, including parents, students and the community.

The wellness policy assessment and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are presented to school and district staff.

The wellness policy assessment and progress toward meeting the State Model Wellness Policy are presented to and approved by the local school board.

School staff are aware of Team Nutrition and the HealthierUS School Challenge Award opportunity.

Results of the CDC School Health Index are shared with the district administration and local school board.

Farm to school activities are integrated into some core subjects.

Each semester, culturally relevant health education information is provided to families via handouts, postings on the school website, newsletters, presentations and workshops.

The following students, parents, classroom teachers, food service professionals, physical education teachers, health professionals, administrators, school board members and other interested community members are engaged in developing, implementing, monitoring, reviewing and making the district wide wellness policies available to the public:

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