

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Springfield New Jersey 07081**

**POLICY: STUDENT NUTRITION**

The Board of Education recognizes child and adolescent obesity has become a major health concern in the United States. The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), funds child nutrition programs and establishes required nutrition standards for school lunch and breakfast programs. In accordance with the requirements of the HHFKA each school in the district shall implement this Wellness Policy that includes goals for nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness.

A. Wellness Policy Goals

The goals as outlined below shall apply to each school in the district.

1. Goals for Nutrition Promotion — The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
  - a. Posters will be posted on the walls where food and beverages are served to students highlighting and encouraging the value of good nutrition.
  - b. Food service staff, in consultation with the Principal or designee, will coordinate obtaining student input on menu planning With the goal of seeking popular and healthy dining choices.
  - c. Food service staff will, whenever possible, place the healthier food items in the service line where students are more likely to choose them.
  - d. Parents will be provided the nutritional standards of the HHFKA.
2. Goals for Nutrition Education — The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
  - a. The Principal will ensure each student receives at least one presentation per school year that

promotes good nutrition and nutrition education. These presentations may be provided through classroom visits from school staff members trained in nutrition, school-wide or group assembly programs, during health/physical education classes during the school year, or any other presentation manner. This requirement may be provided as part of nutrition education provided to students as part of the district's curriculum.

- b. The Principal or designee will post the nutritional guidelines of the HHFKA in the area of the school building where food and beverages are served.
- c. Nutritional information, recipes, ingredient labels, and information that encourages the selection of healthy food items will be available.

### 3. Goals for Physical Activity

- a. The following activities will be coordinated in each elementary school in the district:
  - (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
  - (2) The Principal or designee will ensure there is age-appropriate equipment and supplies available during recess time for students to participate in physical activities.
  - (3) Students will be encouraged by school staff members supervising student recess time to participate in some type of physical activity, which may include, but not be limited to: walking; playing games that require physical activity, such as kick ball, volleyball, baseball, basketball, etc.; rope jumping; and/or using playground equipment.
  - (4) The Principal will encourage classroom

teachers to incorporate brief, physical activity breaks into the school day to establish an environment that promotes regular physical activity throughout the school day.

- (5) The Principal or designee will coordinate special events that highlight physical activity, which may include field days, walk-a-thons, and activity tournaments or competitions. The Principal or designee may involve parents, community members, and students in the planning of these events.

b. The following activities will be coordinated in each middle school in the district:

- (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
- (2) The Board of Education may offer middle school students opportunities to participate in after-school intramural and/or interscholastic team activities coordinated and under the supervision of school staff members.
- (3) The Board of Education will support after-school activities and clubs where physical activity for students is included as a key component to the activity's or club's purpose. These clubs may include, but not be limited to, gardening clubs, walking clubs and exercise classes.

c. The following activities will be coordinated in each high school in the district:

- (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a

properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.

- (2) The Board of Education will offer high school students opportunities to participate in after-school intramural and/or interscholastic team activities coordinated and under the supervision of school staff members.
  - (3) The Board of Education will support after-school activities and clubs where physical activity for students is included as a key component to the activity's or club's purpose. These clubs may include, but not be limited to, gardening clubs, walking clubs and exercise classes.
4. Goals for Other School-Based Activities - The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
  - a. Each school in the district will establish a Wellness Committee comprised of the Principal or designee, a health/physical education teacher, a school nurse, parents, students, and food service staff member.
5. Annual School Progress Report
  - a. The goals for nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness shall be evaluated annually at each school and by the school's Wellness Committee.
  - b. The Annual School Progress Report shall present the extent to which each school is in compliance with this Policy, the progress made in attaining the goals of this Policy, any recommended changes to this Policy, and an action plan for the following school year to achieve the school's annual goals and objectives.
6. Annual District Summary Progress Report

- a. Upon receiving the Annual School Progress Report from each school, the Superintendent or designee will compile an Annual District Summary Progress Report to be presented to the Board of Education at a public meeting before the beginning of the school year. The public will be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Annual District Summary Progress Report at the Board meeting.
- b. Revisions to this Policy will be recommended by the Superintendent or designee to be approved periodically by the Board of Education.

B. Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages

1. The Board of Education requires each school in the district to comply with the Federal school meal nutrition standards and the smart snacks in accordance with the requirements HHFKA. The nutritional standards shall apply to all foods and beverages sold in each school in the district as part of the menu pattern meal, a la carte, in school stores, snack bars, or vending machines. The food requirements for any food sold in schools must meet a range of calorie and nutrient requirements as outlined in the HHFKA.
2. The school district will comply with the HHFKA beverage requirements and beverage portion requirements for elementary, middle, and secondary schools. Each school will make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snacks are served during meal service.
3. On-campus fundraisers involving food or beverage items must meet the Smart Snack standards of the HHFKA. The nutrition standards of the HHFKA do not apply to non-school hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events. The United States Department of Agriculture defines school day as starting from midnight to thirty minutes after the end of the school day. Fundraisers involving the sale of food or beverages must be submitted to the Principal or designee for approval. Every effort shall be made to assure food and

beverages served during special school celebrations or during curriculum related activities comply with this policy, with the exception of foods of minimal nutritional value as defined by USDA regulations. If food is necessary for approved large group snack, then these products must be purchased through the board approved food service in the district and must conform to the district's nutritional policy. Food brought in from outside sources will not be permitted to be served to students during the school day.

C. District Coordinator

The Superintendent or designee shall be the school district official responsible to ensure each school in the district complies with the requirements as outlined in this Policy.

D. Publication/Dissemination

This Policy will be made available to staff members, students, and parents by being posted on the school district and/or school websites.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

**Legal References:**

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 f.,h. Use of competitive contracting in lieu of public bidding; boards of education  
N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-6 Standards for purchase of fresh milk; penalties; rules and regulations  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-3 through -5 Cafeterias for pupils  
N.J.S.A. 18A:33-9 through -14 Findings, declarations relative to school breakfast programs..  
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)  
N.J.S.A. 18A:58-7.1 through -7.2 School lunch program ...  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.1 et seq. Child Nutrition Programs See particularly:  
N.J.A.C. 2:36-1.7 Local school nutrition policy  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-5.1(b) School safety plans  
N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.6 Supplies and equipment  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements  
N.J.A.C. 6A:32--14.1 Review of mandated programs and services  
N.J.A.C. 6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts  
Sec. 204 at the Federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (P.L. 108-265)  
42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act  
42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq. Child Nutrition Act of 1966  
7 C.F.R. Part 210 Medically authorized special needs diets

7 C.F.R. Part 210.10 Foods of minimum nutritional value

**Cross References:**

- 1200 Participation by the public
- 1220 Ad hoc advisory committees
- 3000/3010 Concepts and roles in business and non-instructional operations; goals and objectives
- 3220/3230 State funds; federal funds
- 3450 Money in school buildings
- 3510 Operation and maintenance of plant
- 3542 Food Service
  - 3542.31 Free or reduced-price lunches/milk
  - 3542.44 Purchasing
- 4222 Non-instructional aides
- 5131 Conduct/discipline
- 9123 Appointment of board secretary
- 9124 Appointment of business official

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