



Employee Wellness Activity Goals  
Health and Safe Environment Activity Goals  
Student, Family and Community Involvement Activity Goals  
Program Implementation and Evaluation

Through this Wellness Policy and related policies, the Board seeks to ensure that:

- All students have access to healthy food and beverages.
- All students receive high-quality physical education and physical activity.
- Every school is a safe, clean, and healthy place in which children, staff, and families can learn, work, and engage.
- Every school has a positive school climate that nurtures learning, achievement, and growth of character.
- Students will not be rewarded with food.
- All students are taught the essential knowledge and skills they need to make health-enhancing choices and avoid behaviors that can damage health and wellbeing.
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The Committee will convene at least 4 times during the school year at hours convenient for public participation.

The Superintendent or designee will actively seek to develop community partnerships that allow all students in grades K-12 access to health promotion programs including oral and mental health services.

The Superintendent will designate one or more School District official(s), as appropriate, 1) who has the authority and responsibility to ensure that each school complies with the local student wellness policy (section 9A(b)(5)(B) of the NSLA), and 2) who will facilitate the development and updates of the local student wellness policy. The titles of these individuals are the:

- ! Director of Child Nutrition
- ! Director of Athletics
- ! Director of Health Services

The Superintendent will charge the District Wellness Committee and site administrators with annually ensuring that the Wellness Policy is implemented, monitored, revised, shared with the public, and when appropriate modified and updated to meet newly identified district needs and/or federal requirements.

The Superintendent will ensure that each school within the District will establish an ongoing School Health Council that convenes to review school-level issues, in coordination with the District Wellness Committee.

*(cf. 1220 - Citizen Advisory Committees)*

*(cf. 9140 - Board Representatives)*

*(cf. 0000 - Vision)*

*(cf. 0200 - Goals for the School District)*

*(cf. 3513 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 5131.6 - Alcohol and Other Drugs)*

*(cf. 5131.61 - Drug Testing)*

*(cf. 5131.62 - Tobacco)*

*(cf. 5131.63 - Steroids)*

*(cf. 5141 - Health Care and Emergencies)*

*(cf. 5141.23 - Infectious Disease Prevention)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)*

*(cf. 5142 - Safety)*

*(cf. 5146 - Married/Pregnant/Parenting Students)*

*(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Education)*

*(cf. 6164.2 - Guidance/Counseling Services)*

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Provide a planned, sequential, K-12 curriculum that addresses the physical, mental, emotional and social dimensions of health consistent with the expectations established in the Health Framework for California Public Schools. The curriculum is designed to motivate and assist students to maintain and improve their health, prevent disease and reduce health-related risk behaviors. It allows students to develop and demonstrate increasingly sophisticated health-



Students with disabilities shall be provided instruction in physical education in accordance with their individualized education program or Section 504 accommodation plan.

*(cf. 6159- - Individualized Education Program)*

*(cf. 6164.6 – Identification and Education Under Section 504)*

The Superintendent or designees shall annually report to the Board the results of the state physical fitness testing for each school and applicable grade level. He/she shall also report to the Board regarding the number of instructional minutes offered in physical education for each grade level, the schools in compliance with the PE mandated minutes, the number of two-year and permanent exemptions granted pursuant to Education Code 51241, and any other data agreed upon by the Board and the Superintendent or designee to evaluate program quality and the effectiveness of the District's program in meeting goals for physical activity and physical education.

*(cf. 0500 – Accountability)*

*(cf. 6190 – Evaluation of the Instructional Program)*

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The Superintendent or designee will seek out and establish community partnerships to provide mental and physical health services for the purpose of improving access to and removing barriers to healthcare for all students. The district will maintain and increase partnerships with school-based health providers to assist with providing equitable access to health care.

The district will seek opportunities to inform parents/guardians about the importance of vision screening, hearing screening, mental health, oral health, sexual health and prevention and management of chronic health conditions, such as Type II diabetes and obesity as they relate to overall health learning. The district shall encourage routine well-child visits as recommended for overall maintenance of good health and monitoring during the stages of childhood development. The district will ensure immunization compliance for all students as required by law.

The district's nutrition education and physical education programs shall be based on research, consistent with the expectations established in the state's curriculum frameworks and content standards, and designed to build the skills and knowledge that all students need to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Nutrition education shall be provided as part of the education program and, as appropriate, should be integrated into academic subjects in the regular educational program. Nutrition education will also be offered through expanded learning programs.

All PK-12 students shall receive appropriate class time for nutrition education that is aligned with the California Content Standards. Nutrition education that teaches the knowledge, skills, and values needed to





service period. However, the District recognizes that with time limited lunch periods and increased amount of fruits and vegetables offered as part of the meals, some students may be inclined to save some items for consumption at a later time. For food safety reasons, this practice should be limited to only food items that do not require cooling or heating, such as whole fruit, a bag of baby carrots, or pre-packaged grain-based items.

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Students perform better academically when well-nourished, and an important part of that nourishment is having sufficient time to eat. Principals are encouraged to identify ways to successfully address the issue of adequate meal times for their students. The California Department of Education recommends that each student has no less than 10 minutes for breakfast and no less than 20 minutes for lunch after being served. Schools, to the extent possible:

1. Should provide students with a minimum of 10 minutes to eat after sitting down for breakfast and 20 minutes after sitting down for lunch, regardless of scheduling before or after recess time.
2. Should schedule meal periods at appropriate times, e.g., lunch will be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
3. Should not schedule tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless students may eat during such activities.

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When approved by the CDE, Nutrition Services department, will sponsor a Summer Food Service Program in coordination with SCUSD expanded learning programs.

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State law for Outside Food Sales includes all foods and beverages sold outside of federal meal programs by all entities including schools, parent and student organizations on school campus during school day. These laws pertain to food sold on campus from midnight through 30 minutes after the standard school day for 9-12th grade school sites; or the end of the site's expanded learning programming for all other grade level schools. Expanded learning programs will not sell foods before, during or after programming. This includes sales made through vending machines, cafeteria a la carte [snack] lines, and fundraisers. However, athletic concessions at any grade level may be sold 30 minutes after the standard school day, and are excluded from the Competitive Foods requirements.

To assure compliance with state law, all Outside Food Sales by student organizations in areas not operated by the Nutrition Services Department are required to be reviewed by the school board or designated official prior to sale.

Refer to the California Department of Education's Competitive Foods Web page (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/he/compfoods.asp>) for additional tools and resources to determine compliance with competitive foods and beverages for any food sales, or fundraisers in SCUSD schools.

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The district promotes the availability of nutritious snacks at evening and community events on school grounds. This includes, but is not limited to, concessions at athletic events, dances and performances.

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- ! All vending machines with student access must sell only compliant food and/or beverages.
- ! Unlicensed outdoor vendor carts, trucks or vehicles are prohibited from locating within 400 yards from any school grounds.
- ! All sales made through vending machines are subject to the criteria listed in the regulations referenced below.

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Food items outside federal meal programs during the school day, including fundraisers, shall meet the local, state and federal nutritional requirements as referenced in:

- Education Code sections 49430-49434
- California Code of Regulations sections 15575-15578
- California Code of Regulations sections 15500-15501
- Code of Federal Regulations Section 210.11



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The Superintendent or designee shall require all school, parent and pupil organizations involved in food sales and fundraisers for serving EK-8th grade students to meet the state laws outlined in the state and federal regulations referenced above, in addition to the California Code of Regulations listed below:

from midnight to one-half hour after the standard school day, and/or the end of the site's

1. Up to \_\_\_\_\_ of foods or beverages *may* be sold each day (e.g., chips, sandwiches, juices, etc.). The district will exceed the above federal and state nutrition standards by prohibiting the sale of any \_\_\_\_\_ (also known as sports/energy drinks) on school campus during the school day at all grade levels.
2. Only \_\_\_\_\_ is allowed to sell each day.
3. Food(s) or beverage(s) \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The food or beverage categories sold \_\_\_\_\_ be the same as the categories \_\_\_\_\_ at that school during the same school day.
5. In addition to one student organization sale each day, any and \_\_\_\_\_ may sell on the \_\_\_\_\_



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The District is committed to being responsive to community input. Recognizing the partnership between the district and the home, the district seeks to strengthen parents/guardians' understanding of student health by offering educational programs for parents/guardians, partnering with nonprofits and others who provide services to families within the SCUSD community, and supporting district and site staff offering help to students' families.

*(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)*

- Create a Wellness Committee including but not limited to parents/guardians, students, school food service professionals, school administrators, Board representatives, School Health Professionals and members of the public to develop updates for the district wellness policy related to student wellness.
- The District will involve families and the community in wellness-related activities and programs such as health fairs and physical activity classes for parents and community members.
- District will communicate with parents/guardians through a district health and wellness newsletter, website, or other methods to showcase resources, highlight policy development and implementation, and provide opportunity for input.
- Provide copies of working drafts of district policy to parents/guardians in an understandable and uniform format, in a language the parents/guardians can understand.
- Collaborate with community partners to provide technical assistance and training to school administration, staff and parents/guardians regarding policy implementation related to nutrition and nutrition education, physical activity and physical education, behavioral and mental health, and staff health and wellness.
- Provide educational and counseling opportunities for promoting and maintaining individual, family, and community health.

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The district recognizes that school gardens can improve student health and wellness, instill the value of healthy eating, increase physical activity, improve student achievement, and create highly engaging, interactive, and hands-on learning environments. The district supports the use of school gardens as a hands-on teaching environment to enliven standards-based curriculum and provide tangible ways for parents and families to contribute to the school community.

Garden program coordinators (volunteer or paid) and Buildings and Grounds staff will work collaboratively to ensure compliance with established protocols, and they will also work with district leaders to insure the proper forms are completed before conducting any major work renovations or hosting any events in the garden.

Pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, and other synthetic chemicals shall not be used within any school garden unless a reasonable effort has been made to reduce contamination and drift of any potentially harmful chemicals within 25 feet of any school garden as outlined by California Certified Organic Farmers. Some possible exceptions, including, but not limited to, the use of synthetic chemicals for the purpose of painting adjacent structures or eradicating invasive plants when other means have proven ineffective. Garden beds, crops, compost and other vital areas of the garden shall be completely covered if the use of said chemicals must be used within the 25-foot boundary of any school garden. Synthetic chemicals used outside the 25-



*(cf. 5145.9 - Hate-Motivated Behavior)*  
*(cf. 1020 Youth Services)*  
*(cf. 6164.2 Guidance/Counseling Services)*

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landscape, school gardens, and orchards, etc.). Its goal is to increase youth's sense of connectedness to school.

The Superintendent or designee will ensure that a healthy educational environment, considering both physical and psychological aspects, exists in all facilities. To ensure student safety, appropriate supervision shall be provided in cafeterias and school grounds. Rules for safe behavior shall be emphasized and consistently enforced.

A healthy physical environment includes physical safety; good air; access to fresh, no-cost, drinking water throughout the day; and access to restrooms with hot and cold running water, soap, disposable towels and/or hand dryers, proper trash and sanitary containers. Implementation of appropriate cleaning practices and properly operating heating and ventilation systems are required. Ensure each school site has access to well-maintained play areas, hard court and natural and/or grass fields. Each school site and facility will meet current ADA regulations and take steps for corrections as necessary. Yearly reviews of each site will be conducted by the Facilities/Maintenance Department.

The Superintendent or designee will ensure proper review and use of cleaning agents, sprays or fertilizers, and that mandated and timely notification is provided at all facilities before herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, and other sprays are used. Preference will be given to the least toxic chemicals available per regulations.

Daily air quality forecast are encouraged to be displayed in a prominent area at each school site along with highly-accessible information about the air quality categories.

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The Superintendent or designee will encourage professional staff development in topics such as substance abuse prevention, school safety and violence prevention, youth development initiatives, character education, dropout prevention, services for students with disabling conditions, service e-learning, expanded learning programs, as well as school improvement initiatives. School staff are encouraged to participate in training on how to reduce student gang involvement. All staff with a high potential for contact with blood borne pathogens will attend a yearly training. All staff will be provided child abuse training yearly which includes mandated reporting and prevention of sexual abuse.

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The district will address health and safety issues in partnership with students, parents/guardians and community members by providing workshops on health and safety issues and actively seeking input for policy development and program design. The district will collaborate with school sites to ensure that students, parents/guardians and community members are consistently well-informed regarding health messages, food safety standards, and other laws, regulations and services concerning health issues. This

communication will be accomplished through district and school websites, newsletters, eConnection, Connect-Ed, handouts and other communication tools.

To encourage participation from students, parents/guardians and community members, staff will invite and inform students, parents/guardians and community members through a variety of avenues including, but not limited to, Student Advisory Councils, School Site Council meetings, Parent Teacher Associations, Parent Teacher Organizations, English Learner Advisory Committee, and the district English Learner Advisory Committee. Outreach efforts will emphasize the strong connection between student health and academic performance, including the key components of regular physical activity and good nutrition, both at school and at home. To further enhance the importance of health and wellness, the district will collaborate with local health organizations to provide opportunities, services, nutrition education, parenting classes, and parent involvement workshops to students, parents/guardians, and community members.

The district/school will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children. The district/school will provide resources for healthy eating and cooking for parents and provide nutrient analyses of school menus. Schools should encourage parents to refrain from sending beverages and foods that do not meet the above nutrition standards. The district/school will provide parents a list of foods that meet the district's snack standards and ideas for healthy celebrations/parties, rewards, and fundraising activities. In addition, the district/school will provide opportunities for parents to share their healthy food practices with others in the school community.

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Assessments will be repeated every three years to help review policy compliance, assess progress, and determine areas in need of improvement. As part of that review, the school district will review our nutrition and physical activity policies; provision of an environment that supports healthy eating and physical activity; and nutrition and physical education policies and program elements. The district, and individual schools within the district, will, as necessary, revise the wellness policies and develop work plans to facilitate their implementation.

- (cf. 0500 - Accountability)*
- (cf. 3513.3 - Tobacco-Free Schools)*
- (cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*
- (cf. 3514.1 - Hazardous Substances)*
- (cf. 4000 - Concepts and Roles)*
- (cf. 4020 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace)*
- (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*
- (cf. 4115 - Evaluation/Supervision)*
- (cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*
- (cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units)*
- (cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)*
- (cf. 4154/4254/4354 - Health and Welfare Benefits)*
- (cf. 4157/4257/4357 - Employee Safety)*
- (cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)*
- (cf. 4157.2/4257.2/4357.2 - Ergonomics)*
- (cf. 4159/4259/4359 - Employee Assistance Programs)*
- (cf. 4161/4261 - Leaves)*
- (cf. 4161.1/4261.1 - Personal Illness/Injury Leave)*
- (cf. 4161.8/4261.8/4361.8 -*

49550-49561 Meals for needy students  
49565-49565.8 California Fresh Start pilot program  
49570 National School Lunch Act  
51210 Course of study, grades 1-6  
51220 Course of study, grades 7-12  
51222 Physical education  
51223 Physical education, elementary schools  
51795-51796.5 School instructional gardens  
51880-51921 Comprehensive health education

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

15500-15501 Food sales by student organizations  
15510 Mandatory meals for needy students  
15530-15535 Nutrition education  
15550-15565 School lunch and breakfast programs

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

1751-1769 National School Lunch Program, especially:  
1758b Local wellness policy  
1771-1791 Child Nutrition Act, including:  
1773 School Breakfast Program  
1779 Rules and regulations, Child Nutrition Act



