

## **District Wellness Program**

The Board recognizes the relationship between student well-being and student achievement as well as the importance of a comprehensive district wellness program. Therefore, the district will provide developmentally appropriate and sequential nutrition and physical education as well as opportunities for physical activity. The wellness program will be implemented in a multidisciplinary fashion and will be evidence based.

### **Wellness Committee**

The district will establish a wellness committee that consists of at least one: parent, student, nurse or other school health professional, physical education teacher, school food service representative, Board member, school administrator, member of the public, and other community members as appropriate. If available, a qualified, credentialed nutrition professional will be a member of the wellness committee.

### **Wellness Program Coordinators**

The Superintendent's designee will serve as the wellness program coordinator. Only employees of the district who are members of the wellness committee may serve as wellness program coordinator. Wellness coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, will be in charge of implementation and evaluation of this policy. Meetings, records and votes of the wellness committee will adhere to the requirements of the Missouri Sunshine Law.

Wellness program coordinators are responsible for ensuring that each school in the district is in compliance with this policy.

### **Nutrition Guidelines**

It is the policy of the St. Joseph School District that all foods and beverages made available on campus during the school day are consistent with the Missouri Eat Smart nutrition guidelines. Guidelines for reimbursable school meals will not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to law. The district will create procedures that address all foods available to students throughout the school day in the following areas:

- National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program meals
- Ala carte offerings in the food service program
- Vending machines and school stores
- Snacks served in after-school programs

### **Nutrition Promotion and Education**

The district will provide nutrition education aligned with the Show-Me Standards and Missouri's Frameworks for Curriculum Development in Health/Physical Education in all grades. In addition, the district will disseminate nutrition messages and other nutrition-related materials received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to students, staff and the community through a variety of media and methods. The wellness program

coordinators, in consultation with the wellness committee, will develop procedures that address nutrition education and promotion.

### **Physical Activity and Education**

The district will provide physical education and opportunities for physical activity in accordance with state requirements and aligned with the Show-Me Standards and Missouri's Frameworks for Curriculum Development in Health/Physical Education in all grades. The wellness program coordinator, in consultation with the wellness committee, will develop procedures that address physical education and physical activity.

### **Other School-Based Activities**

The wellness program coordinator, in consultation with the wellness committee, is charged with developing procedures addressing other school-based activities to promote wellness.

### **Evaluation**

The wellness committee will assess all education curricula and materials pertaining to wellness for accuracy, completeness, balance and consistency with the state's and district's educational goals and standards. The wellness program coordinator shall be responsible for devising a plan for implementation and evaluation of the district wellness policy and are charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that school meets the goals of the district wellness policy. Wellness program coordinators will report to the superintendent annually regarding the content and implementation of the wellness program and make recommendations for modifications to this policy as appropriate. The report will be made available to the public on the district's website or by other appropriate means.

St. Joseph School District wellness plan will be placed in the administrative handbook for implementation of policy and reviewed annually for appropriate revisions.

Board Policy Adopted: June 12, 2006

Board Policy Revised: June 24, 2013

Cross Refs: EF, Food Services Management  
EFB, Free and Reduced-Cost Food Services  
KI, Public Solicitations/Advertising in District Facilities

Legal Refs: 167.720, 610.010 - .28, ROMs  
The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 –  
1769