

2016-2017

Harmony School of Excellence- District Wellness Policy

Harmony Public Schools - Houston School of Excellence District shall follow nutrition guidelines that advance student health and reduce childhood obesity and shall promote the general wellness of all students through nutrition education, physical activity, and other school based activities.

Nutrition Education

The school shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with nutrition education component and shall use health course curriculum that emphasizes the importance of proper nutrition.

In addition, the district establishes the following goals for nutrition education.

- 1- Students will receive nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.
- 2- Nutrition education will be a district wide priority and will be integrated into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.
- 3- Staff responsible for nutrition education will be adequately prepared and will participate in professional development activities to effectively deliver the program as planned.
- 4- The Child Nutrition staff, teachers, and other school personnel will coordinate the promotion of nutrition messages in the cafeteria, the classroom, and other appropriate settings.
- 5- Educational nutrition information will be shared with families and the general public to positively influence the health of students and community members.

Physical Activity

The district shall implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and shall offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades.

In addition, the district establishes the following goals for physical activity:

- 1- The district will provide an environment that fosters safe and enjoyable fitness activities for all students, including those who are not participating in competitive sports.
2. Physical education classes will regularly emphasize moderate to vigorous activity.
3. The district will encourage teachers to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.
4. The district will encourage parents to support their children's participation, to be active role models, and to include physical activity in family events.

School Based Activities

The district shall create an environment conducive to healthy eating and physical activity through implementation of the following policies.

- Students shall be allowed sufficient time to eat meals.
- The lunchroom facilities shall be safe, clean, and visually promote a message of healthy eating and wellness.
- Students shall have access to free potable water during mealtimes. The water may be provided through water fountains inside or directly adjacent to the cafeteria, water dispenser, or water pitcher and cups.
- Nutrition and physical activity shall be promoted to students and their families at suitable school sponsored events.

Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods Available

The nutrition guidelines for foods served by the district during the school day shall be adequate to advance students health and reduce childhood obesity and shall meet or exceed federal regulations and guidance, and that all foods available on each campus are in accordance with Texas Department of Agriculture policy and school-established standards.

Fundraising Days

Exempt Days:

TDA policy allow for 6 days per school year for fundraising events that are exempt from the USDA Smart Snack Guidelines. These 6 days will be designated independently by the school principals and published in the school website.

1. October 21 & 28, 2016
2. December 16, 2016
3. March 10, 2017
4. April 13, 2017
5. May 25, 2017

Fundraising Events Other Than Exempt Days:

Fundraising events other than exempt days must be in compliance with USDA Smart Snack Guidelines and Texas Department of Agriculture regulations. The dates for non-exempt fundraising events will be designated by school principals. These non-exempt fundraising events may occur one Friday per month from September to May.

Guidelines for Reimbursable Meals

The district shall ensure that nutrition guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall be at least as restrictive as federal regulations and guidance and that all foods available on each campus are in accordance with the Texas Department of Agriculture regulations.

Negative Balance Policy

All students in the district are allowed to carry a negative balance up to \$10 in their lunch and breakfast accounts. Until each student reaches that dollar amount, he or she will continue to get regular lunch and breakfast service.

Measuring Implementation

The Superintendent or designee shall oversee the implementation of this policy and shall develop administrative procedures for periodically measuring the implementation of the wellness policy. The Wellness Committee will conduct a yearly review of implementation, with the results published on the schools' websites.

Revisions and Updating the Policy

The District Health Committee will update or modify the district wellness policy based on the results of the annual progress reports and triennial assessments, and/or as district policies and priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; 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.

Committee Members

The district shall also seek to involve parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, the Board, administrators, physical education teachers, school health professionals, and the public in the continued development and implementation of this school wellness policy.



2015-16 LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY END OF YEAR REVIEW MEETING

Meeting Minutes

Campus Name: 101858-001 HARMONY SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE-HOUSTON

Date: 05/27/2016

ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL WELLNESS POLICY 2015-16

- District provided Boosterthon Fun Run activity that images a program wrapping Fitness, Leadership, and Character together in an unforgettable experience tailored for our school's campus.
- "Girls on the Run" activity was used to inspire and motivate girls, encourage lifelong health and fitness, and build confidence through accomplishment.
- Schools took K-5 grades outside for recess after lunch.
- The lunchroom facilities were safe, clean and visually promoted a message of healthy eating.
- Nutrition and physical activity was promoted to students and their families at suitable school sponsored events.
- District implemented 6 exempt fundraising days.
- Fundraising events other than exempt days were in compliance with USDA Smart Snack Guidelines and Texas Department of Agriculture regulations.
- The district ensured that guidelines for Reimbursable Meals were met.
- Negative balance policy worked very well district wide.
- The nutrition guidelines for foods served by district during the school day were adequate to advance student health and reduce childhood obesity, and met or exceeded federal regulations and guidance. All foods available on each campus were in accordance with Texas Department of Agriculture policy and school-established standard.

GOALS FOR 2016-2017

- Invite a medical professional to speak with students about healthy lifestyle.
- Host a nutrition festival and art contest.
- PE Teachers shall instruct students about healthy eating habits. They will also do more physical activity.
- Advertise National Breakfast and Lunch Program in schools to increase participation.
- E-mail teachers to encourage them to incorporate physical activity into classroom time.
- Check smart snacks for future fundraising events.
- Use the School Bucks Program to bring down student meal balances.
- Communicate with Caterer for their best service.
- Parents will be informed about the school wellness policy by using school websites and Wednesday mails.