# WELLNESS POLICY

### Other school-based activities that promote student wellness

#### **Integrating Physical Activity into Classroom Settings**

For students to receive the nationally recommended amount of daily physical activity and for students to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior, students need opportunities for physical activity beyond the physical education class. Toward that end, the school district will:

- offer classroom health education that complements physical education by reinforcing the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a physically active lifestyle and to reduce time spent on sedentary activities;
- discourage sedentary activities, such as watching television, playing computer games, etc.;
- provide opportunities for physical activity to be incorporated into other subject lessons; and,
- encourage classroom teachers to provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.

#### **Communication with Parents**

The school district will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children. The school district will:

- post nutrition tips on school web sites and provide nutrient analyses of school menus;
- encourage parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and to refrain from including beverages and foods that do not meet the established nutrition standards for individual foods and beverages;
- provide parents ideas for healthy celebrations/parties, rewards and fundraising activities;
- provide information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities before, during and after the school day;
- share information with parents to support efforts to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.

# **Staff Wellness**

The school district values the health and well-being of every staff member. The school district strongly recommends all staff model the behaviors you want your students to practice for a healthy life style. Each school is encouraged to:

• establish and maintain a wellness committee that promotes healthy eating, physical activity and other elements of a healthy lifestyle among employees.

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