School Wellness Policy

What Parents Need to Know

Better Health = Better Learners #schoolwellness



Wellness Policy: Purpose

Warwick School District recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students':



- Physical well-being
- 🍎 Growth



Readiness to learn



Wellness Policy: Mission

Through the collaborative efforts of the classroom, school, district, and community, our students will achieve optimal health status so that they can attain academic success at a higher level.



Why do we have a wellness policy?

A wellness policy helps create a healthy school environment. Our wellness policy includes four important components:

Wellness Committee

- 🔨 Nutrition Education
- >>> Nutrition Promotion
- **T** Physical Activity



Wellness Policy: Wellness Committee

Warwick School District has a wellness committee comprised of one of each of the following:

- 🎽 School board member
 - District administrator
- District food service representative
- Student
- Parent/guardian
- School health professional



- Physical education teacher
- Member of the public



Wellness Policy: Wellness Committee

What does the wellness committee do?

- **1** Communicates and advices on student health issues
- Responsible for developing, implementing and periodically reviewing wellness policy
- Reviews and considers evidence-based strategies and techniques in establishing goals for:
 - **1** Nutrition education and promotion
 - **1** Physical activity
 - Other school based activities that promote student wellness



Wellness Policy: Nutrition Education

Nutrition education gives students the knowledge, skills and confidence to make healthy eating choices

- Nutrition education will be provided within the health education program in accordance with curriculum regulations
- Nutrition education in the district will teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating
 - Nutrition education materials are displayed throughout all cafeterias



Wellness Policy: Nutrition Promotion

- Provide students with access to reasonably priced foods and beverages that promote a healthy lifestyle
- Provide nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold during the school day at all schools participating in the National School Lunch Program that are consistent with Federal regulations for:
 - School meal nutrition standards
 Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards

Market/advertise only foods and beverages that encourage healthy nutrition



Wellness Policy: Physical Activity

- ★ We want kids to have the opportunity to be physically active at school
- ★ Age-appropriate activities are provided to encourage physical activity:
 - ★ Outdoor & indoor recesses
 - ★ Before & after school programs
 - ★ Clubs
 - ★ Intramurals
 - ★ Sports & Athletics



Other School-Based Activities that Promote Wellness

- ★ Provide mental health support to students within the school setting to develop positive social-emotional wellbeing.
- Apply research-based strategies/recommendations for implementing a systematic process for promoting students' social and emotional development and supporting parental/family involvement



Guidelines for Use of Food in Schools

- Outside food provided by parents or students as rewards, for parties or served as other treats is **not** permitted (this includes birthday treats):
- If parents choose to provide a treat, healthy food options may be purchased through the district's Food Services Division. Form can be accessed <u>here</u>.
 - ★ WSD wants to promote a healthy eating environment
 - ★ Bringing outside food can be dangerous for students with allergies and/or food intolerances



Wellness Policy: Where is it?

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