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WELLNESS PLAN This document, referred to as the "wellness plan" (the plan), is intended to implement policy FFA(LOCAL), which has been adopted by the Board to comply with the requirements for a school wellness policy. [Section 9A(a) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA), 42 U.S.C. 1758b; 7 C.F.R. Part 210]

STRATEGIES TO Federal law requires that certain stakeholders be involved in the SOLICIT development, implementation, and periodic review and update of INVOLVEMENT the wellness policy. The District has chosen to use the local school health advisory council (SHAC) to work on behalf of the District to review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques in order to develop and implement nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by federal law. The SHAC will permit the following persons to work with the SHAC on the District's wellness policy and plan: parents, students, the District's food service provider, physical education teachers, school health professionals, Board members, administrators, and members of the public. The SHAC will solicit involvement and input of these other interested persons by:

- 1. Posting on the District's website the dates and times of SHAC meetings.
- 2. List on the District's website the name and position of the person responsible for oversight of the District's wellness policy and plan along with an invitation to contact that person if the reader is interested in participating in the development, implementation, and evaluation of the wellness policy and plan.
- 3. List on the District's activity calendar the dates of the SHAC meetings.
- IMPLEMENTATION Each campus principal is responsible for the implementation of FFA(LOCAL) and this wellness plan at his or her campus, including the submission of necessary information to the SHAC for evaluation.

The Superintendent is the District official responsible for the overall implementation of FFA(LOCAL), including the development of this wellness plan and any other appropriate administrative procedures, and ensuring that each campus complies with the policy and plan.

EVALUATION At least every three years, as required by law, the District will measure and make available to the public the results of an assessment of the implementation of the District's wellness policy, the extent to which each campus is compliant with the wellness policy, a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy, and the extent to which the wellness policy compares

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with any state or federally designated model wellness policies. This will be referred to as the "triennial assessment."

Annually, the District will notify the public about the content and implementation of the wellness policy and plan and any updates to these materials.

The SHAC will consider evidence-based strategies when setting and evaluating goals and measurable outcomes. The SHAC may use any of the following tools for this analysis:

- Relevant portions of Smarter Lunchrooms' website
 (https://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/healthierus-school-challenge-resources/smarter-lunchrooms)
- Relevant portions of USDA Food and Nutrition Service <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/child-nutrition-pro-grams</u>
- Relevant portions of <u>www.squaremeals.org</u>
- Relevant portions of the Center for Disease Control's School Health Index <u>https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools</u>
- FitnessGram: A state-wide program for students
- A District-developed self-assessment.

PUBLICTo comply with the legal requirement to annually inform and updateNOTIFICATIONTo comply with the legal requirement to annually inform and updatethe public about the content and implementation of the local well-
ness policy, the District will create a wellness page on its website to
document information and activity related to the school wellness
policy, including:

- 1. A copy of the wellness policy [see FFA(LOCAL)];
- 2. A copy of this wellness plan, with dated revisions;
- 3. Notice of any Board revisions to policy FFA(LOCAL);
- 4. Notice of all SHAC members and meetings;
- 5. The SHAC's annual report on the District's wellness policy and plan; and
- 6. Any other relevant information.

	The District will also publish the above information in appropriate District or campus publications.
RECORDS RETENTION	Records regarding the District's wellness policy will be retained in accordance with law and the District's records management pro- gram. Questions may be directed to the Superintendent, the Dis- trict's designated records management officer.
GUIDELINES AND GOALS	The following provisions describe the District's nutrition guidelines and activities and objectives chosen by the SHAC to implement the Board-adopted wellness goals in policy FFA(LOCAL).
NUTRITION GUIDELINES	All District campuses participate in the U.S. Department of Agricul- ture's (USDA's) child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Federal law requires that the District establish nutrition guidelines for foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on each campus that promote student health and re- duce childhood obesity.
	The District's nutrition guidelines are to ensure all foods and bever- ages sold or marketed to students during the school day adhere to all federal regulations and guidance and are designed to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.
FOODS AND BEVERAGES SOLD	The District will comply with federal requirements for reimbursable meals. For other foods and beverages sold to students during the school day, the District will comply with the federal requirements for competitive foods. Competitive foods and beverages are not part of the regular meal programs and occur through sales such as a la carte options or vending machines. For purposes of this plan, these requirements will be referred to as "Smart Snacks" standards or requirements. The following websites have information regard- ing meal and Smart Snacks requirements:
	 <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards-school-meals</u>
	 <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-fo- cusing-smart-snacks</u>
	 <u>http://www.squaremeals.org/Publications/Handbooks.aspx</u> (see the Complete Administrator Reference Manual [ARM], Section 20, Competitive Foods)

EXCEPTION— FUNDRAISERS State rules adopted by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) allow an exemption to the Smart Snacks requirements for up to six days per year per campus when a food or beverage is sold as part of a District fundraiser. [See CO(LEGAL)]

The District will allow the following exempted fundraisers for the 2018-2019 school year:

Campus or Organization	Food / Beverage	Number of Days
Elementary & JH/HS Campuses All approved organizations	Candy/Soda/Other TBD	6

FOODS AND BEVERAGES PROVIDED	There are no federal or state restrictions for foods or beverages provided, but not sold, to students during the school day. However, each school district must set its own standards. The District will comply with state law, which allows a parent or grandparent to pro- vide a food product of his or her choice to classmates of the per- son's child or grandchild on the occasion of the student's birthday or to children at a school-designated function. [See CO(LEGAL)]
	In addition, the District has established the following local stand- ards for foods and beverages made available to students:
	Elementary school: Soft drinks may be brought to school (no glass containers) for lunches only.
	Junior High School: Although a parent or grandparent is not pro- hibited from providing food for a school-designated function or for children in the child or grandchild's classroom for his or her birth- day, please be aware that children in the school may have severe allergies to certain food products. Therefore, it is imperative to dis- cuss this with the child's teacher prior to bringing any food in this circumstance. Occasionally, the school or a class may host certain functions or celebrations tied to the curriculum that will involve food. The school or teacher will notify students and parents of any known food allergies when soliciting potential volunteers for bring- ing food products.
	High School: USDA Food Service Guidelines prevent the campus from allowing student food transactions on school property during the school day. Food deliveries for specific students can be made as long as they do not require payment be made upon delivery. Parents/guardians can order and pay for food ahead of time and

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have it delivered to the school labeled with the student's name; however, monetary transactions for food delivery on school property during the school day is not allowed. (For example, a student cannot call in for food to be delivered to the school and pay for it at the time of delivery.)

MEASURING COMPLIANCE The District will measure compliance with the nutrition guidelines by reviewing meal reimbursement submissions from the child nutrition department to the TDA, reviewing foods and beverages that are sold in competition with the regular school meals, reviewing items sold as part of approved District fundraisers, and monitoring the types of foods and beverages made available to students during the school day.

NUTRITIONFederal law requires that the District establish goals for nutrition
promotion in its wellness policy. The District's nutrition promotion
activities will encourage participation in the National School Lunch
Program, the School Breakfast Program, and any supplemental
food and nutrition programs offered by the District.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) for nutrition promotion.

GOAL 1: The District's food service staff, teachers, and other District personnel shall consistently promote healthy nutrition messages in cafeterias, classrooms, and other appropriate settings.

Objective 1: The District will increase signage in strategic public areas promoting healthy nutrition.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Place signs around the school in fre-	Baseline or benchmark data points:
quently visited places promoting healthy nutrition.	 Number of signs posted at the BOY, and still posted at the MOY, and EOY
	Resources needed:
	Free signage from relevant websites.
	Personnel to order and distribute the signage to campuses
	Personnel to post signs at the campuses
	Obstacles:
	Signs destroyed or removed

GOAL 2: The District shall share educational nutrition information with families and the general public to promote healthy nutrition choices and positively influence the health of students.

Objective 1: The District will consistently post the campuses monthly school breakfast and lunch menus on the District website and Facebook page.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Work with the District Child Nu- trition Director to have menus posted on the district/campus website and Facebook page.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Checking that the menus are consistently posted Resources needed: Personnel to create and post the menus on the website and Facebook page Obstacles: Not all families have Internet access

Objective 2: Consistently communicate meals offered daily.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Daily announcements of the menu Post the menu in the school cafeteria	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Student participation in daily meals Resources needed: School's PA system Personnel to make the announcements Obstacles: PA System not working Days when announcements are not made due to testing, etc.
	No backup person to give announcements

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Federal law requires that the District establish goals for nutrition education in its wellness policy. State law also requires that the District implement a coordinated health program with a nutrition services and health education component at the elementary and middle school levels. [See EHAA]

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) for nutrition education.

GOAL 1: The District shall deliver nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors.

Objective 1: Communicate healthy eating habits and regular physical activity to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Healthy Science Teacher, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Coaches, PE teach- ers, and Health teachers dis- cuss proper nutrition/hydration prior to any physical activity.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Students enrolled in programs and classes FitnessGram reports Resources needed: Curriculum Teacher/Coach Obstacles: Time in class, PE, or Athletic periods

GOAL 2: The District shall make nutrition education a District-wide priority and shall integrate nutrition education into other areas of the curriculum, as appropriate.

Objective 1: The District will provide nutritional information regularly.		
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation	
Nutritional information will be available on the District's web- site.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Posting of links and information Resources needed: Personnel to post the information and links Obstacles: Not all families have Internet access 	
Consistently post the Friday Beat on the district Facebook page.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Posting of the resource Resources needed: Personnel to post the information Obstacles: Not all families have Internet access 	

GOAL 3: The District shall provide professional development so that teachers and other staff responsible for the nutrition education program are adequately prepared to effectively deliver the program.

Objective 1: All relevant personnel are appropriately trained.	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Offer Continuing Education	Baseline or benchmark data points:
courses through Region 7.	Number of teachers who attend relevant training
	Resources needed:
	Training resources/Admin
	Obstacles:
	Availability of substitutes for teaches at training
	Cost of workshops

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY The District will implement, in accordance with law, a coordinated health program with physical education and physical activity components and will offer at least the required amount of physical activity for all grades. [See BDF, EHAA, EHAB, and EHAC.]

The following addresses how the District meets the required amount of physical activity:

- Mandatory PE Classes Grades K-6
- Required PE Credits Grades 7-12

Federal law requires that the District establish goals for physical activity in its wellness policy.

In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) for physical activity.

GOAL 1: The District shall provide an environment that fosters safe, enjoyable, and developmentally appropriate activities for all students, including those who are not participating in physical education classes or competitive sports.

Objective 1: Consistently plan and evaluate PE classes to ensure all students have access to the activities.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Ensure that PE lesson plans reflect safe and enjoyable units.	Baseline or benchmark data points:Lesson plans submitted

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• Students enrolled in PE classes that are not required for their graduation plan
Resources needed:
Adequate amounts of PE athletic supplies
Obstacles:
 Differentiation of lesson plans to ensure all fitness levels can and will actively participate

GOAL 2: The District shall provide appropriate staff development and encourage teachers to integrate physical activity into the academic curriculum where appropriate.

Objective 1: Provide opportunities for students to be physically active in academic classes.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Provide training to teachers	Baseline or benchmark data points:
	Lesson plans
	Resources needed:
	Training
	Obstacles:
	Time and facilities

GOAL 3: The District shall make appropriate before-school and after-school physical activity programs available and shall encourage students to participate.

Objective 1: Inform students and the community of the different types of "camps" that are available.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Post flyers and send home registration forms for the camps.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Attendance in the camps Resources needed: Flyers, personnel to put on the camps Obstacles: Time Fees Space

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Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Promote involvement in school athletic programs. (Facebook, flyers home, posters at school)	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Review athletic club participation Resources needed: Staff, current participant involvement in making posters/flyers Obstacles: Ensure that information is accurate
	e appropriate training and other activities available to District enjoyable, lifelong physical activity for District employees and
Objective 1: Consistently prov	vide health related information to faculty and staff.
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Distribute a quarterly Health Tip sheet to faculty/staff that provides information for stay- ing healthy.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Monitor the quarterly distribution of the tip sheet Resources needed: Personnel to write the tip sheet Obstacles: Faculty and staff Involvement Faculty and staff not reading the Tip Sheet
GOAL 5: The District shall enco tive role models, and to include p	burage parents to support their children's participation, to be ac- physical activity in family events.
Objective 1: Provide parents of physical activity.	with necessary information to support their children's
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Distribute pamphlets at Meet the Teacher Night with ways to support their children's activi- ties.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Number of parents who attend Meet the Teacher night Resources needed: Personnel to create the pamphlet Obstacles: Lack of parental attendance at Meet the Teacher Night

GOAL 6: The District shall encourage students, parents, staff, and community members to use the District's recreational facilities, such as tracks, playgrounds, and the like, that are available outside the school day.

Objective 1: To see an increase in the number of people using the facilities.	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Post acceptable community use hours at tracks and play- grounds.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Discuss hours of use with coaches to prevent interference with practice schedules Resources needed: Signs Obstacles: Compliance
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Distribute pamphlets at "Meet the Teacher" with the approved facility use hours.	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Discuss hours of use with coaches to prevent interference with practice schedules Resources needed: Pamphlets Obstacles: Compliance

SCHOOL-BASED Federal law requires that the District establish goals for other ACTIVITIES Federal law requires that the District establish goals for other wellness. In accordance with FFA(LOCAL), the District has established the following goal(s) as part of its student wellness policy to create an

following goal(s) as part of its student wellness policy to create an environment conducive to healthful eating and physical activity and to promote and express a consistent wellness message.

GOAL 1: The District shall allow sufficient time for students to eat meals in cafeteria facilities that are clean, safe, and comfortable.

[Two studies regarding recommended seat time for children to eat meals are available at <u>http://docs.schoolnutrition.org/newsroom/jcnm/04fall/bergman/bergman2.asp</u> and <u>http://www.andjrnl.org/article/S2212-2672(15)01248-4/fulltext</u>.]

Objective 1: All campuses will create their master schedules to allow for at least 30 minutes for students to eat, from the time the student enters the cafeteria.

Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Continue thirty minute lunch	Baseline or benchmark data points:
periods	Review recommended length of lunch periods annually
	Resources needed:
	Journal/above resources
	Obstacles:
	Promptness of arrival/departure
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Promote student patio in sci-	Baseline or benchmark data points:
ence garden (at Elementary)	Ensure area is safe/secure prior to using
for students to eat with par- ents.	After use, request input from parents (elementary)
Promote student patio (at sec-	Resources needed:
ondary campuses) for students to eat.	 Routine walk-throughs at garden area to ensure safety of space
	Obstacles:
	Monitoring during lunch periods

GOAL 2: The District shall promote wellness for students and their families at suitable District and campus activities.

Objective 1: Provide information regarding healthy lifestyles.	
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Include health/wellness tips in the Friday Beat.	Baseline or benchmark data points:
	Verification of posting the tips
	Resources needed:
	Personnel to post the Friday Beat
	Obstacles:
	Not all families have Internet access

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Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Provide health and wellness information at "Meet the Teacher" nights.	Baseline or benchmark data points:
	Discuss options with community resources.
	Resources needed:
	Contacts within community
	Event planners/committee
	Obstacles:
	Comply with District rules regulations
	Ensure accurate information
GOAL 3: The District shall pron District and campus activities.	note employee wellness activities and involvement at suitable
Objective 1: Provide access t	o district facilities.
Action Steps	Methods for Measuring Implementation
Offer employees the oppor-	Methods for Measuring Implementation Baseline or benchmark data points:
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Offer employees the oppor- tunity to use field house exer- cise equipment.	Baseline or benchmark data points:Survey faculty/staff about their use of the facilities and
Offer employees the oppor- tunity to use field house exer- cise equipment. Encourage the use of the walk-	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Survey faculty/staff about their use of the facilities and tracks
Offer employees the oppor- tunity to use field house exer- cise equipment. Encourage the use of the walk- ing tracks at the elementary	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Survey faculty/staff about their use of the facilities and tracks Resources needed:
Offer employees the oppor- tunity to use field house exer- cise equipment. Encourage the use of the walk-	 Baseline or benchmark data points: Survey faculty/staff about their use of the facilities and tracks Resources needed: Access to facility and tracks