

School Wellness

The Harlem School District is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Therefore, it is the policy of the Harlem School District that:

- The School District will engage students, parents, teachers, (especially teacher of physical education), food service professionals, school health professionals, and other interested community members in developing, implementing, monitoring, and reviewing District-wide nutrition and physical activity policies and procedures.
- All students in grades K-12 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- The School District will inform and update the public every three years, at a minimum, (including parents, students, and others in the community) about the content and implementation of the local wellness policies. The District will also measure periodically and make available to the public an assessment of the local wellness policy, including:
  - The extent to which schools are in compliance with the local wellness policy;
  - The extent to which the LEA's local wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies; and
  - The progress made in attaining the goals of the local wellness policy.
- Foods and beverages sold or served at school will meet the nutrition recommendations of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- Qualified child nutrition professionals will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods which meet the health and nutrition needs of students; will accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.
- To the maximum extent practicable, all school in the District will participate in available federal school meal programs, including the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program (including after-school snacks).
- Schools will provide activity and will establish linkages between health education and school meal programs and with related community services.

The Superintendent or his/her designee will develop procedures based on the following five (5) areas of requirement:

1. Nutrition Education and Promotion Goals
2. Physical Activity Goals
3. Nutrition Standards for All Foods and Beverages
4. Other School-Based Wellness Activities
5. Governance and Evaluation

Legal Reference: P.L. 108-265 Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004  
P.L. 111-296 The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

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