

East Shore Leadership Academy Wellness Committee Update

March 2016-17

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The Wellness Committee has reviewed the school's Wellness Policy which addresses students physical health/exercise, overall well-being, and how it correlates with learning.

The committee is also aware that it is imperative that students are provided well-balanced nutritious meals that foster good eating habits.

During the formal review, the committee has agreed that the implementation of the policy is on track with minor recommendations for the school year 2017-18 as indicated below:

- Continue to review the policy at least annually
- Add a student representative from an upper grade level
- Continue with the policy as it is presently written

WELLNESS

Reference: Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 USC §§ 1751, 1758, 1766; Child Nutrition Act, 42 USC § 1773
7 CFR Parts 210 and 220

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the Academy's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits.

The Board sets the following goals in an effort to enable students to establish good health and nutrition habits:

- A. With regard to nutrition education, the Academy shall:
 - 1. Nutrition education posters, such as the Food Pyramid Guide, will be displayed in the cafeteria.
- B. With regard to physical activity, the Academy shall:
 - Physical Education
 - 1. A sequential, comprehensive physical education program shall be provided for students in K-12 in accordance with the standards and benchmarks established by the State.
 - Physical Activity
 - 1. Physical activity shall not be employed as a form of discipline or punishment.
- C. With regard to other school-based activities the Academy shall:
 - 1. The Academy shall provide attractive, clean environments in which the students eat.
- D. With regard to nutrition promotion, the Academy shall:
 - 1. encourage students to increase their consumption of healthful foods during the school day.

All foods and beverages sold as fund raisers outside of the school meals program during the regular and extended school day for consumption on the school campus shall meet the USDA Competitive Food regulation, the Alliance for A Healthier Generation's Competitive Foods and Beverages Guidelines, and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Furthermore, with the objectives of enhancing student health and well-being, and reducing childhood obesity, the following guidelines are established:

On Campus During the School Day

- A. In accordance with Policy 8500, entitled Food Service, the food service program shall comply with Federal and State regulations pertaining to the selection, preparation, consumption, and disposal of food and beverages, including but not limited to the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards as well as to the fiscal management of the program.
- B. As set forth in Policy 8531, entitled Free and Reduced Price Meals, the guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than the guidelines issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The sale of foods of minimal nutritional value in the food services area during the lunch period is prohibited.

- C. The sale of foods and beverages to students that do not meet the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards to be consumed on the school campus, defined as the Academy's physical plant as delineated in the Academy's charter during the school day is prohibited.
- D. All food items and beverages available for sale to students for consumption on the school campus (any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day) between midnight and thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day (the "School day"), as defined in the Academy's charter contract shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, including, but not limited to, competitive foods that are available to students a la carte or as entrees in the dining area (except entrée items that were offered on the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) or School Breakfast Program (SBP) menu on the day of and the day after they are offered from vending machines, from school stores, or as authorized fundraisers including those operated by student clubs and organizations, parent groups, or boosters clubs.
- E. The food service program will provide all students affordable access to the varied and nutritious foods they need to be healthy and to learn well.

The Board designates the Educational Service Provider as the individual charged with operational responsibility for verifying that the Academy meets the goals established in this policy.

The Educational Service Provider shall appoint an Academy wellness committee that includes parents, students, representatives of the Academy food authority, educational staff (including

physical education teachers), school health professionals, members of the public and Academy administrators to oversee development, implementation, evaluation and periodic update of the wellness policy. The Wellness Committee shall be an ad hoc committee with members recruited and chosen annually.

The Wellness Committee shall be responsible for:

- A. assessment of the current Academy environment;
- B. review of the Academy's wellness policy;
- C. presentation of the wellness policy to the Board for approval;
- D. measurement of the implementation of the policy;
- E. recommendation for the revision of the policy, as necessary.

Before the end of each school year the Wellness Committee shall recommend to the Educational Service Provider any revisions to the policy it deems necessary.

The Educational Service Provider shall report annually to the Board on the progress of the Wellness Committee and on its evaluation of policy implementation and areas for improvement, including status of compliance by individual schools and progress made in attaining goals of policy.

The Educational Service Provider is also responsible for informing the public, including parents, students and community members, on the content and implementation of this policy. In order to inform the public, the Educational Service Provider shall:

- A. School website;

and post the policy on the Academy's website, including the Wellness Committee's assessment of the implementation of the policy.

BOARD RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn and thrive; and
- WHEREAS good health fosters student attendance and education; and
- WHEREAS obesity is increasing rapidly in the United States, affecting adults and children of all races, ethnicities, and income levels; and
- WHEREAS the prevalence of overweight children aged 6-11 has more than doubled in the last 20 years and the number of overweight adolescents aged 12-19 has more than tripled in that same time; and
- WHEREAS overweight children and adolescents are more likely than not to remain overweight, become obese adults, and develop related chronic illnesses; and
- WHEREAS reversing the obesity epidemic among children will require a long term, well-coordinated approach to reach young people where they live, learn, and play; and
- WHEREAS schools can effectively partner with other public, non-profit, and private sector organizations in an effort to re-shape social and physical environments and provide information and practical strategies to help children and adults adopt more healthy lifestyles; and
- WHEREAS the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 established a new requirement that all Academies with a Federally-funded school meals program develop and implement wellness policies that address nutrition and physical activity no later than the beginning of the 2006 – 2007 school year;
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Board of the East Shore Leadership Academy to comply fully with 42 USC 1751 Section 204, which requires that any local educational agency participating in the National School Lunch Program establish a local school wellness policy; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Educational Service Provider shall seek the involvement of parents, students, representatives of the school food service program, the Academy board, Academy administrators, and the public as the Academy's wellness policy is developed, and shall recommend a policy to the Board not later than May 2016; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reserves the right to modify the recommended policy as it deems necessary; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said policy shall be adopted no later than June 2016 and shall be effective on the first day of the school year beginning after July 1, 2006.