

## Morris Hills Regional Board of Education

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The Board of Education recognizes child and adolescent obesity has become a major health concern in the United States. The Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), funds child nutrition programs and establishes required nutrition standards for school lunch and breakfast programs. In accordance with the requirements of the HHFKA each school in the district shall implement this **Wellness** Policy that includes goals for nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student **wellness**.

**A. Wellness Policy Goals**

The goals as outlined below shall apply to each school in the district.

1. Goals for Nutrition Promotion – The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
  - a. Posters will be posted on the walls where food and beverages are served to students highlighting and encouraging the value of good nutrition.
  - b. Food service staff, in consultation with the Principal or designee, will coordinate obtaining student input on menu planning with the goal of seeking popular and healthy dining choices.
  - c. Food service staff will, whenever possible, place the healthier food items in the service line where students are more likely to choose them.
  - d. Parents will be provided the nutritional standards of the HHFKA.
2. Goals for Nutrition Education – The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:
  - a. The Principal will ensure each student receives at least one presentation per school year that promotes good nutrition and nutrition education. These presentations

may be provided through classroom visits from school staff members trained in nutrition, school-wide or group assembly programs, during health/physical education classes during the school year, or any other presentation manner. This requirement may be provided as part of nutrition education provided to students as part of the district's curriculum.

- b. The Principal or designee will post the nutritional guidelines of the HHFKA in the area of the school building where food and beverages are served.
- c. Nutritional information, recipes, ingredient labels, and information that encourages the selection of healthy food items will be available.

### 3. Goals for Physical Activity

- a. The following activities will be coordinated in each high school in the district:
  - (1) All students shall receive health/physical education under the supervision of a properly certified teaching staff member as required by the New Jersey Department of Education.
  - (2) The Board of Education will offer high school students opportunities to participate in after-school interscholastic team activities coordinated and under the supervision of school staff members.
  - (3) The Board of Education will support after-school activities and clubs where physical activity for students is included as a key component to the activity's or club's purpose. These clubs may include, but not be limited to, gardening clubs, walking clubs, and exercise classes.

### 4. Goals for Other School-Based Activities - The following activities will be coordinated in each school in the district:

- a. Each school in the district will establish a **Wellness** Committee comprised of the Principal or designee, a health/physical education teacher, a school nurse, parents, students, and food service staff member.

### 5. Annual School Progress Report

- a. The goals for nutrition promotion, nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student **wellness** shall be evaluated annually at each school and by the school's **Wellness** Committee.

- b. The Annual School Progress Report shall present the extent to which each school is in compliance with this Policy, the progress made in attaining the goals of this Policy, any recommended changes to this Policy, and an action plan for the following school year to achieve the school's annual goals and objectives.

#### 6. Annual District Summary Progress Report

- a. Upon receiving the Annual School Progress Report from each school, the Superintendent or designee will compile an Annual District Summary Progress Report to be presented to the Board of Education at a public meeting before the beginning of the school year. The public will be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Annual District Summary Progress Report at the Board meeting.
- b. Revisions to this Policy will be recommended by the Superintendent or designee to be approved by the Board of Education before September 30 of each school year.

#### B. Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages

1. The Board of Education requires each school in the district to comply with the Federal school meal nutrition standards and the smart snacks in accordance with the requirements HHFKA. The nutritional standards shall apply to all foods and beverages sold in each school in the district as part of the menu pattern meal, a la carte, in school stores, snack bars, or vending machines. The food requirements for any food sold in schools must meet a range of calorie and nutrient requirements as outlined in the HHFKA.
2. The school district will comply with the HHFKA beverage requirements and beverage portion requirements for secondary schools. Each school will make potable water available to children at no charge in the place where breakfast, lunch, and afterschool snacks are served during meal service.
3. On-campus fundraisers involving food or beverage items must meet the Smart Snack standards of the HHFKA. The nutrition standards of the HHFKA do not apply to non-school hours, weekends, and off-campus fundraising events. The United States Department of Agriculture defines school day as starting from midnight to thirty minutes after the end of the school day. Fundraisers involving the sale of food or beverages must be submitted to the Principal or designee for approval.

#### C. District Coordinator

The Superintendent or designee shall be the school district official responsible to ensure each school in the district complies with the requirements as outlined in this Policy.

D. Publication/Dissemination

This Policy will be made available to staff members, students, and parents by being posted on the school district and/or school websites.

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

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