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## **School Nutrition-Food Services Wellness Policy**

### **1. Advisory Group**

Mineral County School District (MCSD) will establish a diverse team made up of committed school and community stakeholders to assess the school districts needs and develop a policy that meets the operational realities of the school district and works toward improved health and wellness outcomes for school children. In addition, this group must meet at a minimum twice a year to review and update the local school wellness policy (LSWP), as needs change, goals are met, new information emerges, and the annual review is completed. MCSD will include a plan that identifies representatives from the following categories to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the LSWP: Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public. MCSD will determine incentives and/or penalties for school compliance with the LSWP according the Nevada Wellness Policy Best Practices Manual located

[http://nutrition.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nutritionnv.gov/Content/Programs/Wellness\\_documents/LSWP%20Best%20Practices%20Manual%20-11%2007%2014.pdf](http://nutrition.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/nutritionnv.gov/Content/Programs/Wellness_documents/LSWP%20Best%20Practices%20Manual%20-11%2007%2014.pdf).

### **2. Wellness Policy Coordinator**

MCSD must establish LSWP leadership, at the district and/or school level, who fully understands the LSWP requirements, who can facilitate the development and implementation of the LSWP, and who has the authority and responsibility to ensure that each school complies with the policy. MCSD must designate at the district and/or school level, the position(s) responsible for reporting the status of Policy implementation annually. MCSD must inform the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) the name(s), position(s), and contact information for the person(s) responsible for the oversight of the local school wellness policy at the district and/or school level by September 30th of each school year. If the designated wellness policy coordinator changes, MCSD must notify (NDA) within 60 days.

### **3. Recordkeeping**

MCSD will retain basic records demonstrating compliance with the LSWP and include the following documentation: Compliance with the requirements of advisory group representation, triennial assessment of the LSWP, annual LSWP progress reports for each school under the jurisdiction, demonstrate compliance with public notification which includes:

- The web site address for the LSWP and/or how the public can receive/access a copy of the LSWP;
- A description of each school's progress in meeting the local school wellness goals;
- A summary of each school's events or activities related to LSWP implementation;
- The name, position(s)/title, and contact information of the designated wellness policy

- coordinator at the district and/or school level;
- and information on how individuals and the public can get involved with the advisory group.

#### **4. School Wellness Policy Goals**

MCSD must select, measure, and report progress for at least one goal from each of the following categories: Nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. These goals are found on the district website's home page under "School Wellness Program."

#### **5. Incentives & Rewards**

MCSD will strongly encourage staff to utilize other forms of incentives or rewards that are not food-based. If allowed, it is required that the food awards be in alignment with the Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards.

#### **6. Fundraising**

All items sold to students on the school campus during the school day must meet the Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards, there are no exemptions.

#### **7. Special Occasions**

MCSD has established a policy that outlines which special occasions or holidays and the frequency that foods exceeding the established nutrition parameters may be allowed. The following holidays and observances are exempt from the nutritional guidelines:

Halloween, Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Valentine's Day, student birthday parties, sports games, incentive days and as part of a learning experience related to the reinforcement of established lesson plans in the classroom.

It is recommended that food be commercially prepared to minimize risks of food borne illnesses and to avoid known food allergens. The sale of foods as part of a business enterprise or fundraising activity is not allowed unless the food item(s) meet the Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards.

#### **8. Revenue**

MCSD will track revenue from the sale of food on the school campus during the school day by one or both of the following methods:

**Federal Standard:** All revenue from the sale of non-program foods purchased with funds from the non-profit school food service account shall accrue to the non-profit school food service account of the participating school food authority.

**Nevada Revised Statute:** Each school's wellness policy shall include: Guidelines for revenue accounting, in accordance with NRS 2338.050, or in accordance with established school district rules of practice.

#### **9. Meal Consumption**

It is the intent of this policy to allow each student adequate time to eat their meals, therefore, time spent acquiring the meal is not included in the time to consume the meal.

MCSD shall:

- Provide at least 15 minutes for each student to consume the breakfast meal (providing the

school offers breakfast); and

- Provide at least 20 minutes for each student to consume the lunch meal.

### **10. Physical Activity**

MCSD will provide the opportunity for moderate to vigorous physical activity for at least 30 minutes during each regular school day (as defined by USDA) via Physical Education class or teacher supervised recess. Passing periods do not qualify as physical activity time.

Teachers and school district personnel are permitted to withhold no more than 20 total morning and afternoon recesses to equal 10 total days or 5% of the school year. If a student goes over the 5% recess limit an MCSD staff member will offer an alternate recess to the student void of peer socialization.

### **11. Recess Before Lunch**

Recess before lunch is recommended, but is left to the discretion of the school district.

### **12. Marketing**

Only marketing consistent with Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards is allowed on the school campus. This includes any advertising and other promotions on the school campus during the school day (oral, written, or visual). MCSD identify and eliminate all marketing and advertising on school property which does not currently meet the Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards as leases, agreements, or contracts are renewed or items are replaced.

### **13. Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards**

All foods and beverages available for sale or given away to students on the school campus during the school day must meet the minimum nutrition standards. These food standards apply to all grade levels (unless otherwise specified). To be allowable, a food item **must meet all** of the competitive food standards as follows:

#### **Calories**

Snack/Side Item-  $\leq 200$  calories per item as served (includes any accompaniments)

Entree-  $\leq 350$  calories per item as served (includes any accompaniments)

#### **AND**

Sodium: Snack/Side Item-  $\leq 230$  mg per item as served until June 30, 2016  
( $\leq 200$  mg after July 1, 2016)

Entree-  $\leq 480$  mg per item as served

Fat: Total Fat-  $\leq 35\%$  of calories

Saturated Fat-  $< 10\%$  of calories

Trans Fat- 0 g per serving

#### **AND**

Sugar: Total Sugar-  $< 35\%$  by weight

### **14. Specific Nutrient Standards for Food**

In addition to the Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards, food items **must meet one** of the following criteria;

- Be a grain product that contains  $> 50\%$  whole grains by weight or have whole grains listed as the first ingredient on the food label;

- **OR** Have listed as the first ingredient on the food label, one of the non-grain main food groups: fruit, vegetable, dairy or protein foods;
- **OR** Be a combination food that contains at least 1/4 cup fruit and/or vegetable;
- **OR** Contain 10% Daily Value (DV) of Calcium, Potassium, Vitamin D, or Dietary Fiber (Effective through June 30, 2016).

\*If water is the first ingredient, the second ingredient must meet one of the above criteria.

**15. Beverages**

Allowable beverages vary by grade level and address container size. All beverages sold on the school campus during the school day must be non-carbonated. There are no restrictions on the sale of any allowable beverage at any grade level, during the school day anywhere on the school campus.

Beverages for all:

Water- Plain, no size limit

- Milk- Unflavored non-fat, unflavored low-fat, or flavored non-fat milk, ≤8 fl. oz. per serving for elementary school, ≤12 fl. oz. per serving for middle school and high school.
- Juice- 100% fruit and/or vegetable juice, 100% juice diluted with plain water (no added sweeteners), ≤8 fl. oz. per serving for elementary school, ≤12 fl. oz. per serving for middle school and high school allowable. It is recommended that juice be sold in smaller serving sizes: 4-6 fl. oz. servings for elementary school and 8 fl. oz. servings for middle and high school.

Beverage	Elementary	Middle School	High School
Plain water	No Size Limit	No Size Limit	No Size Limit
Low-fat milk, unflavored*	≤ 8 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz
Non-fat milk, unflavored or flavored*	≤ 8 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz
100% Fruit/Vegetable juice**	≤ 8 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz

\*Includes nutritionally equivalent milk alternatives, as permitted by NSLP/SBP

\*\*May include 100% juice diluted with plain water & with no added sweeteners

**Other Allowable Beverages in High School Only.**

Non-Carbonated Calorie-free beverages (≤20 fl. oz./serving);

*Examples: Vitamin Water Zero, Propel Fit Water, Powerade Zero*

Other Non-Carbonated "Calorie-free" Beverages (≤20 fl. oz./serving): <5 calories per 8 fl. oz. or ≤10 calories per 20 fl. oz.;

*Examples: Diet Fuze, Pure Leaf Iced Tea*

Non-Carbonated Lower-Calorie Beverages (≤12 fl. oz./serving): ≤60 calories per 12 fl. oz., ≤40 calories per 8 fl. oz.

*Examples: G2, Fuze Slenderize, Diet Snapple, Light Hawaiian Punch*

## **16. Caffeine**

All foods and beverages in elementary school and middle school must be non-carbonated and caffeine-free, with the exception of trace amounts of naturally-occurring caffeine substances (e.g. chocolate milk).

It is recommended that no caffeine be allowed, however, caffeine is permitted at the high school level at the discretion of the school district.

## **17. Chewing Gum**

Sugar-free chewing gum is exempt from all competitive food standards and may be sold to students at the discretion of the school district.

### **Definitions**

**Carbonated Beverage-** A class of beverages that bubble, fizz, or are effervescent. These include beverages that are aerated or infused.

**Combination Food-** products that contain two or more components representing two or more of the recommended food groups: fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein or grains.

**Competitive Food-** all food and beverages other than meals reimbursed available for sale to students on the School Campus during the School Day.

**Fundraisers-** the sale of items for monetary gain intended for consumption during the school day.

**Local Educational Agency (LEA)-** the authority responsible for the administrative control of public or private nonprofit educational institutions within a defined area of the state. For example: A school district or state sponsored charter school.

**Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP)-** the policy that applies to your local school district which supports a school environment that promotes sound nutrition and student health, reduces childhood obesity, and provides transparency to the public on school wellness policy content and implementation.

**Marketing-** advertising and other promotions in schools. Includes oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller, or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product.

**Moderate to Vigorous Physical Activity-** physical activities done at an intensity that increases children's heart and breathing rates above normal. For example: A child walking to school is moderate activity; Running and chasing others during a tag game is vigorous activity.

**Non-program food-** food sold in school during the school day at any time or location on the school campus other than reimbursable meals.

**Physical Activity-** bodily movement produced by the contraction of skeletal muscle that increases a person's energy expenditure above a basal level.

**School Campus-** all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.

**School Day-** the period from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

**School Property-** all areas of the school campus including those that are owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school-related activities such as the school building, areas adjacent to the school building, school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, athletic fields or stadiums, or parking lots.

**Smart Snacks Nutrition Standards-** a part of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 that provide science based nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students in school during the school day.

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End of policy