



Pearson Elementary

2017-2018 Campus Health & Wellness Policy

We are proud to be part of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation initiative to help our students and staff lead healthier lives. Our commitments to providing nutrition education and regular physical activity, as well as access to nutritious foods for all students, are described here.

Physical Activity and Physical Education

1. Our elementary provides 20 minutes of daily recess for ALL grade levels. Recess will not be withheld as punishment. Alternative recess activities will be used during inclement weather.
2. Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, physical activity breaks or physical education) will not be withheld or used as punishment for any reason;
 - o The district will provide teachers and other school staff with strategies for alternative ways to discipline students.
3. Teachers will provide students with daily physical activity breaks in the classroom, outside of PE and recess.

Food Items on Campus

1. All foods and beverages **served and offered** before school, during the school day and the extended school day, MUST meet or exceed the USDA's Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.
2. All foods and beverages **sold** before school, during the school day and the extended school day MUST meet or exceed the USDA's Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.
3. Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior. **This includes, but not limited to, coupons and gift cards to restaurants or for food items.** Teachers will be provided ideas for non-food rewards.

School-wide and Classroom Celebrations/Parties

The Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards will apply to birthday celebrations, school wide celebrations, and all other school events, with the exception of **2 school celebrations days: Pearson Elementary will use December 21, 2017 and March 29, 2018 as their 2 school celebration days.**

- NOTE: The Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards does not apply to snacks or lunches brought by parents/guardians for their own children.

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- Any questions regarding Smart Snacks eligible items can be directed to the Child Nutrition Department, or visit the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Smart Snacks Food Planner.

School Fundraisers

Foods that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus during the school day ONLY on the following three designated days: 1) last day of school before Winter break, 2) last school day before Easter break, and 3) the last scheduled school day of the year.

We highly encourage all school fundraisers to be non-food.

School Based Activities

1. A variety of before and/or after school activities will be available to students of ALL grade levels, such as running club, dance team, etc.
2. Wellness for students and their families will be promoted at suitable school activities through health fairs, competitive leagues, family fun activities, walking/running clubs, zumba, yoga, aerobics, swimming, etc.
3. We encourage parent and community participation on our School Wellness Committee. The committee meets a minimum of four times per year and is responsible for overseeing campus wellness activities and making wellness policy recommendations. Contact the PE Teacher for more information.

Thank you,

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