

## Instruction

### School Wellness

Student wellness, including good nutrition and physical activity, shall be promoted in the Cooperative's educational program, school-based activities, and meal programs. This policy shall be interpreted consistently with Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 and the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA).

The Executive Director will ensure:

1. Each school building complies with this policy.
2. The policy is available to the community on an annual basis through copies of or online access to the Board Policy Manual; and
3. That the community is informed about the progress of the policy's implementation.

### Goals for Nutrition Education and Nutrition Promotion

The goals for addressing nutrition education and nutrition promotion include the following:

- Schools will support and promote sound nutrition for students.
- Schools will foster the positive relationship between sound nutrition, physical activity, and the capacity of students to develop and learn.

### Goals for Physical Activity

The goals for addressing physical activity include the following:

- Schools will support and promote an active lifestyle for students.
- Physical education will be taught in all grades and shall include a developmentally planned and sequential curriculum that fosters the development of movement skills, enhances health-related fitness, increases students' knowledge, offers direct opportunities to learn how to work cooperatively in a group setting, and encourages healthy habits and attitudes for a healthy lifestyle. See Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content* and Board policy 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
- During the school day, all students will be required to engage in a daily physical education course, unless otherwise exempted. See Board policy 6:60, *Curriculum Content* and Board policy 7:260, *Exemption from Physical Education*.
- The curriculum will be consistent with and incorporate relevant Illinois Learning Standards for Physical Development and Health as established by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

### Nutrition Guidelines for Foods Available During the School Day; Marketing Prohibited

Students will be offered at designated schools and all schools will promote nutritious food and beverage choices during the school day that are consistent with nutrition standards specified in the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) *Smart Snacks* rules.

In addition, in order to promote student health and reduce childhood obesity, the Executive Director or designee shall:

1. Restrict the sale of *competitive foods*, as defined by the USDA, in the food service areas during meal periods;
2. Comply with all ISBE rules; and
3. Prohibit marketing during the school day of foods and beverages that do not meet *competitive foods* standards.

*Competitive foods* standards do not apply to foods and beverages available, but not sold in school during the school day; e.g., brown bag lunches, foods for classroom parties, school celebrations, and reward incentives.

#### Exempted Fundraising Day (EFD) Requests

All food and beverages sold to students on the school campuses of participating schools during the school day must comply with the “general nutrition standards for competitive foods” specified in federal law.

#### ISBE rules prohibit EFDs for grades 8 and below in participating schools

The Executive Director or designee in a participating school may grant an EFD for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools. To request an EFD and learn more about the Cooperative’s related procedure(s), contact the Executive Director or designee. The Cooperative’s procedures are subject to change. The number of EFDs for grades 9 through 12 in participating schools is set by ISBE rule.

#### Guidelines for Reimbursable School Meals

Reimbursable school meals served shall meet, at a minimum, the nutrition requirements and regulations for the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program.

#### Community Involvement

The Operational Board and Executive Director will actively invite suggestions and comments concerning the development, implementation, periodic reviews, and updates of the school wellness policy from parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the Board, school administrators, and the community. Community involvement methods shall align their suggestions and comments to policy 2:140, *Communications To and From the Board*.

#### Recordkeeping

The Executive Director or designee shall retain records to document compliance with this policy, the Cooperative’s records retention protocols, and the Local Records Act.

LEGAL REF.: Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-265, Sec. 204.  
Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. §1771 et seq.  
National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. §1751 et seq.  
Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, 42 U.S.C. §1758b, Pub. L. 111-296.  
42 U.S.C. §1779, as implemented by 7 C.F.R. §210.11 and 210.31.  
Local Records Act, 50 ILCS 205/  
105 ILCS 5/2-3.139.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, Food Program.  
ISBE’s “School Wellness Policy” Goal, adopted Oct. 2007.

CROSS REF.: 2:140 (Communications To and From the Board), 5:100 (Staff Development Program), 6:60 (Curriculum Content), 7:260 (Exemption from Physical Education)

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