

# Bridgeport *School District* Wellness Policy

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# Bridgeport School Wellness Policy

## Preamble

Bridgeport Schools (henceforth the District) is committed to the optimal development of every student. The District believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental and social success, we need to create positive, safe and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year.

Research shows that two components, good nutrition and physical activity before, during and after the school day, are strongly correlated with positive student outcomes. For example, student participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program is associated with higher grades and standardized test scores, lower absenteeism and better performance on cognitive tasks.<sup>1,2,3,4,5,6,7</sup> Conversely, less-than-adequate consumption of specific foods including fruits, vegetables and dairy products, is associated with lower grades among students.<sup>8,9,10</sup> In addition, students who are physically active through active transport to and from school, recess, physical activity breaks, high-quality physical education and extracurricular activities – do better academically.<sup>11,12,13,14</sup> Finally, there is evidence that adequate hydration is associated with better cognitive performance.<sup>15,16,17</sup>

This policy outlines the District's approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. Specifically, this policy establishes goals and procedures to ensure that:

- Students in the District have access to healthy foods throughout the school day – both through reimbursable school meals and other foods available throughout the school campus– in accordance with Federal and state nutrition standards;
- Students receive quality nutrition education that helps them develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors;
- Students have opportunities to be physically active before, during and after school;
- Schools engage in nutrition and physical activity promotion and other activities that promote student wellness;
- School staff are encouraged and supported to practice healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors in and out of school;
- The community is engaged in supporting the work of the District in creating continuity between school and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits; and
- The District establishes and maintains an infrastructure for management, oversight, implementation, communication about and monitoring of the policy and its established goals and objectives.

This policy applies to all students, staff and schools in the District. Specific measurable goals and outcomes are identified within each section below.

## **I. School Wellness Committee**

### Leadership

The Superintendent or their designee(s) will convene the district wellness committee (hereto referred to as the DWC) and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy, and will ensure each school's compliance with the policy via the School Principal or the designee. The designated official for oversight is the School Superintendent or their designee.

### Committee Role and Membership

The District will convene a representative DWC that meets at least four times per year to recommend goals for and oversee school health policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this district-level wellness policy ("wellness policy").

The DWC membership will represent all school levels (elementary and secondary schools) and include to the extent possible, but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals, school administrators, school board members; To the extent possible, the DWC will reflect the diversity of the community. The titles of the members of the DWC are as follows: Superintendent Designee (Administrator from BOE(1)); School Nutrition Director(1), School Nutrition Supervisor(1), Elementary School Level Representatives(3), Secondary School Level Representatives(2), Director of Athletics(1), Director of Nursing(1), BOE member(1), Health Dept member(1), Parents(3- two from elementary and one from secondary), Community Members(3), Students(3-two from elementary and one from secondary), and BOE Physician(1).

Subcommittees will be established based on DWC goals. Membership on the subcommittees is open to all members of the community. Each subcommittee will report back to the DWC at least three times a year.

Each school within the District will establish an ongoing School Wellness Committee (SWC) and designate a school wellness policy coordinator. The SWC will convene at least 4 times a year to review compliance with the policy, school-level goals and issues. Three representatives from the elementary level and two from the secondary will provide an update a minimum of three times a year to the DWC.

## **II. Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability and Community Engagement**

### Implementation Plan

The District will develop and maintain goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. Each school will use the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school-level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation and generate an annual progress report and report back to the DWC. This wellness policy and the progress reports can be found at:

<http://www.bridgportedu.com/nutrition/>

## Recordkeeping

The District will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at Food & Nutrition Center, 113 Federal St., Bridgeport, CT. Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- The written wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating that the policy has been made available to the public;
- Documentation of efforts to review and update the Local Schools Wellness Policy; including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods the district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the DWC;
- Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements;
- The most recent assessment on the implementation of the local school wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the Local School Wellness Policy has been made available to the public.

## Annual Notification of Policy

The District will inform families and the public each year of basic information about this policy, including its content, any updates to the policy and implementation status. The District will make this information available via the district website and/or district-wide communications. The District will provide as much information as possible about the school nutrition environment. This will include a summary of the District's or schools' events or activities related to wellness policy implementation. Annually, the District will also publicize the name and contact information of the District/school officials leading and coordinating the committee, as well as information on how the public can get involved with the school wellness committee. All information will be provided in English and Spanish.

## Triennial Progress Assessments

At least once every three years, the District will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the District are in compliance with the wellness policy;
- The extent to which the District's wellness policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the District's wellness policy.

The person responsible for managing the triennial assessment is the Superintendent or their designee(s). The DWC, in collaboration with individual schools, will monitor schools' compliance with this wellness policy. The District will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

## Revisions and Updating the Policy

The DWC will update or modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual School Health Index and triennial assessments and/or as District priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. The wellness policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.

## Community Involvement, Outreach and Communications

The District is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The District will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the wellness policy. The District will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Healthy Food Certification nutrition standards in schools. The District will use electronic mechanisms, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The District will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the district and individual schools are communicating important school information with parents.

The District will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The District will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

### **III. Nutrition**

#### School Meals

Our school district is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; that are moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and have zero grams trans-fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meeting the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

All schools within the District participate in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, Snack Program, Summer Food Service Program, and eventually the CACFP Supper Program. The District also operates additional nutrition-related programs and activities including Farm to School programs, school gardens, Breakfast in the Classroom, Mobile Breakfast carts, and Grab 'n' Go Breakfast. All schools within the District are committed to offering school meals through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- Are accessible to all students;
- Are appealing and attractive to children;
- Are served in clean and pleasant settings;
- Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. The District offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices following Smarter Lunchroom techniques:
  - Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets.
  - Daily fruit or vegetable options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students.
  - Daily fruit or vegetable options are bundled into grab-and-go lunches available to students.
  - All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal.
  - White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers.

- A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students..
  - Student surveys and taste testing opportunities are used to inform menu development, dining space decor and promotional ideas.
  - Signage is used to promote and market menu options.
- Menus will be posted on the District website and will include nutrient content and ingredients.
  - Menus will be created/reviewed by a certified nutrition professional.
  - School meals are administered by a team of child nutrition professionals.
  - The District child nutrition program will accommodate students with special dietary needs.
  - Students will have adequate time to consume their meals.
  - Students are served lunch at a reasonable and appropriate time of day.
  - When possible lunch will follow the recess period to better support learning and healthy eating.
  - Participation in Federal child nutrition programs will be promoted among students and families to help ensure that families know what programs are available in their children’s school.
  - The District will implement various Farm to School activities.
    - Local and/or Regional products are incorporated in the school meal program
    - Messages about agriculture and nutrition are reinforced throughout the learning environment.
    - School hosts a school garden
    - School hosts field trips to local farms

### Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA’s Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

Professional Development opportunities will be available for school staff on a yearly basis in the areas of nutrition, operations, administration, communication and marketing.

### Water

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day\* and throughout every school campus\* (“school campus” and “school day” are defined in the glossary). The District will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes.

- All water sources and containers will be maintained on a regular basis to ensure good hygiene and health safety standards. Such sources and containers may include drinking fountains, water jugs, hydration stations, water jets and other methods for delivering drinking water.

### Competitive Foods and Beverages

The District is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (e.g., “competitive” foods and beverages) will meet the State of CT Healthy Food Certification nutrition standards. Healthy Food Certification snacks aim to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. A summary of the standards and information, as well as a Guide to Healthy Food Certification are available at: <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&tq=322420>

To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold to students on the school campus during the school day\* up to 30 minutes after the end of the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards and the State of CT Healthy Food Certification nutrition guidelines. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, à la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores and snack or food carts. In addition, the CT Competitive Food regulations will be adhered to in all schools during the school day (<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/DEPS/Nutrition/cf/CTCFreg.pdf>)

### Celebrations and Rewards

Foods offered on the school campus will contain healthy choices that meet the State of CT Healthy Food Certification nutrition standards including through:

1. Celebrations and parties: The district recommends that healthy choices will be offered at celebrations and parties. The district will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas on the district nutrition webpage. Healthy party ideas are also available from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, State of CT website, and from USDA.
2. Classroom snacks brought by parents: The district recommends that parents provide healthy snack choices for their children. The district will provide to parents a link on the district webpage to the list of foods and beverages that meet the CT Healthy Food Certification nutrition standards.
3. Rewards and incentives: The District will provide teachers and other relevant school staff a list of alternative ways to reward children on the district website. Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

### Fundraising

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the CT Healthy Food Certification nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus\* during the school day\* provided the fundraiser is in compliance with the State of CT Competitive Food Regulations (CGS Sections 10-215b-1 and 10-215b-23 <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=333772>). The District will make available to parents and teachers a list of healthy fundraising ideas on the district nutrition webpage.

All fundraisers on campus must be pre-approved by the local school Healthy Food Certification liaison two months prior to the fundraiser.

### Nutrition Promotion

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout schools, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. The District will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs.

The District will teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by all students. Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences and elective subjects;

- Includes enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant and participatory activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits and school gardens;
  - Promotes fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products and healthy food preparation methods;
  - Emphasizes caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical activity/exercise);
  - Links with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, Farm to School programs, other school foods and nutrition-related community services;
  - Teaches media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and
  - Includes nutrition education training for teachers and other staff.
  - In elementary schools, nutrition education will be offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based health education curriculum that meets state and national standards.
  - All health education teachers will provide opportunities for students to practice or rehearse the skills taught through the health education curricula.
- Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education

The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on healthy eating:

- Relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention
- Food guidance from MyPlate
- Reading and using FDA's nutrition fact labels
- Eating a variety of foods every day
- Balancing food intake and physical activity
- Eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grain products
- Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat
- Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars
- Eating more calcium-rich foods
- Preparing healthy meals and snacks
- Risks of unhealthy weight control practices
- Accepting body size differences
- Food safety
- Importance of water consumption
- Importance of eating breakfast
- Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants
- Eating disorders
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Reducing sodium intake
- Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior
- How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully
- Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior
- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior
- Growing Foods

### Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools

The District is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing



commercial distractions. The District strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on District property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information the District is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of the District to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the school campus, consistent with the District's wellness policy. (does not restrict their current contract in)

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* will meet the HFC regulations.

#### **IV. Physical Activity**

Children and adolescents should participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive school physical activity program (CSPAP). A CSPAP reflects strong coordination and synergy across all of the components: quality physical education as the foundation; physical activity before, during and after school; staff involvement and family and community engagement and the district is committed to providing these opportunities. Schools will ensure that these varied physical activity opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). All schools in the district will be encouraged to participate in *Let's Move!* Active Schools ([www.letsmoveschools.org](http://www.letsmoveschools.org)) in order to successfully address all CSPAP areas.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, classroom physical activity breaks or physical education) will not be withheld as punishment for any reason. The district will provide teachers and other school staff with a list of ideas for alternative ways to discipline students.

#### Physical Education

The District will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and state standards for physical education. The physical education curriculum will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and will help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits, as well as incorporate essential health education concepts (discussed in the "*Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education*" subsection). The curriculum will support the essential components of physical education.

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. The District will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

All District elementary and middle students in each grade will receive physical education for at least 60-89 minutes per week throughout the school year.

All District secondary students (high school) are required to take the equivalent of one academic year of physical education.

The District physical education program will promote student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via the Presidential Youth Fitness Program or other appropriate assessment tool) and will use criterion-based reporting for each student.

Students will be moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of class time during most or all physical education class sessions.

All physical education teachers in Bridgeport will be required to participate in at least a once a year professional development in education related to health and wellness.

All physical education classes in Bridgeport are taught by licensed teachers who are certified or endorsed to teach physical education.

Waivers, exemptions, or substitutions for physical education classes are not granted.

### Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education

Health education will be systematically implemented throughout all of the grades (elementary and middle) and the district will require high school students to take and pass at least one health education course. The District will include in the health education curriculum a minimum of 12 of the following essential topics on physical activity:

- The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity
- How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight
- How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process
- How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease
- Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition
- Differences between physical activity, exercise and fitness
- Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout and cool down
- Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community
- Preventing injury during physical activity
- Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia and sunburn while being physically active
- How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time and type of physical activity
- Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan
- Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan
- Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids
- Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness
- How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity
- How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity.

Recess (Elementary)

All elementary schools will offer at least 20 minutes of recess on all days during the school year. This policy may be waived on early dismissal or late arrival days

**Outdoor recess** will be offered when weather is feasible for outdoor play.

In the event that the school or district must conduct indoor recess, teachers and staff will follow the indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students, to the extent practicable. Each school will maintain and enforce its own indoor recess guidelines.

Recess will complement, not substitute, physical education class. Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active, and will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

#### Classroom Physical Activity Breaks (Elementary and Secondary)

The District recognizes that students are more attentive and ready to learn if provided with periodic breaks when they can be physically active or stretch. Thus, students will be offered periodic opportunities to be active or to stretch throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The District recommends teachers provide short (3-5-minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time at least three days per week. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

The District will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for classroom physical activity breaks. Resources and ideas are available through USDA and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

#### Active Academics

The District supports teachers that incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into “core” subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

#### Before and After School Activities

The District offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity either before and/or after the school day (or both) through a variety of methods. The District will encourage students to be physically active before and after school.

#### Active Transport

The District will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The District will encourage this behavior by engaging in *six or more* of the activities below; including but not limited to:

- Designate safe or preferred routes to school
- Secure storage facilities for bicycles
- Identify and promote safe routes program to students, staff, and parents via newsletters, websites, local newspaper
- Use crossing guards
- Use crosswalks on streets leading to schools
- Document the number of children walking and or biking to and from school
- Create and distribute maps of school environment (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, pathways, bike racks, etc.)

## **V. Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness**

The District will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues and physical activity facilities. The District will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

Schools in the District are encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in science, with consultation provided by either the school or the District's curriculum experts.

All efforts related to obtaining federal, state or association recognition for efforts, or grants/funding opportunities for healthy school environments will be coordinated with and complementary of the wellness policy, including but not limited to ensuring the involvement of the DWC/SWC.

All school-sponsored events will adhere to the wellness policy guidelines. All school-sponsored wellness events will include physical activity and healthy eating opportunities when appropriate.

### **Community Partnerships**

The District will develop relationships with community partners in support of this wellness policy's implementation. Existing and new community partnerships and sponsorships will be evaluated by SWC to ensure that they are consistent with the wellness policy and its goals. The District website will provide a listing of the community partners.

### **Community Health Promotion and Family Engagement**

The District will promote to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community the benefits of and approaches for healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school year. Families will be informed and invited to participate in school-sponsored activities and will receive information about health promotion efforts.

As described in the "Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications" subsection, the District will use electronic mechanisms (e.g., email or displaying notices on the district's website), as well as non-electronic mechanisms, (e.g., newsletters, presentations to parents or sending information home to parents), to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.

### **Staff Wellness and Health Promotion**

The DWC will have a staff wellness liaison that focuses on staff wellness issues, identifies and disseminates wellness resources and performs other functions that support staff wellness in coordination with human resources staff. The subcommittee leader will be designated by the Superintendent. This information will be posted on the District website and staff will be notified.

Schools in the District will implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. Examples of strategies schools will use, as well as specific actions staff members can take, such as:

- Participate in school garden activities
- Walking contest (step counts)
- Teachers participate with students at recess

The District promotes staff member participation in health promotion programs and will support programs for staff members on healthy eating/weight management that are accessible and free or low-cost.

### Professional Learning

When feasible, the District will offer annual professional learning opportunities and resources for staff to increase knowledge and skills about promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school (e.g., increasing the use of kinesthetic teaching approaches, school garden programming, or incorporating nutrition lessons into science class). Professional learning will help District staff understand the connections between academics and health and the ways in which health and wellness are integrated into ongoing district reform or academic improvement plans/efforts.

### *Glossary:*

**Extended School Day** – the time during, before and after school that includes activities such as clubs, intramural sports, band and choir practice, drama rehearsals and more.

**School Campus** - areas that are owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school-related activities, including on the outside of the school building, school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, athletic fields and stadiums (e.g., on scoreboards, coolers, cups, and water bottles), or parking lots.

**School Day** – the time between midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day.

**Triennial** – recurring every three years.

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