

## Orange-Windsor Supervisory Union

### ROYALTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### Federal Child Nutrition Act Wellness Policy

**Purpose.** The intent of this Policy is to ensure compliance with the local policy requirements of the federal Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. This policy has been developed in consultation with parents, students, representatives of the school food services authority, school administrators and the public.

**Policy Statement.** It is the policy of the Royalton School District to establish goals for nutrition education, physical activity and other school based activities that are designed to promote student wellness. The district will also establish nutrition guidelines for all foods available at school during the school day, with the objective of promoting student health and reducing childhood obesity.

#### I. Goals for Nutrition Education.

A. The school district shall provide nutrition education programs as required by state law and regulations of the State Board of Education. In particular, the district shall provide a nutrition component in its Comprehensive Health Education program and shall develop curricular programs to include goals enumerated in the Vermont Framework of Standards and Learning Opportunities.

B. Nutrition education programs shall be conducted by appropriately licensed staff members (e.g., teachers, health personnel, nutritionists).

C. To the extent practical, nutrition education shall be integrated into core curricula in areas such as science and family and consumer science courses.

#### II. Goals for Physical Activity.

A. The district shall provide physical education classes for all students as required by Vermont School Quality Standards.

B. The district shall provide other physical activity opportunities for students through recess periods in appropriate grades and, as appropriate, before or after school activities such as interscholastic athletics and physical activity clubs or intramural sports.

C. The district will work to minimize interruptions to scheduled physical education classes. This includes holding to a minimum the scheduling of non-physical education activities in physical education facilities during physical education classes.

### III. Goals for Other School Based Activities.

A. The district shall ensure that guidelines for reimbursable school meals are not less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to sections (a) and (b) of section 10 of the Child Nutrition Act and section 9(f) (1) and 17a of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act as those regulations and guidance apply to schools.

B. The district shall provide adequate space for eating and serving school meals.

C. The district shall provide a clean, safe, and calm meal environment for students.

D. The district shall establish meal periods that provide adequate time to eat and are scheduled at appropriate hours. Whenever possible, in grades K-6, lunch periods shall be scheduled to follow recess periods rather than precede them.

E. Food shall not be used in district schools as a reward or punishment, but may be included as part of occasional celebratory activities.

F. The district shall provide training opportunities as appropriate for food service and other staff members in areas of nutrition and wellness.

### IV. Nutrition Guidelines.

A. No foods of minimal nutritional value, as listed in 7 CFR 210, Appendix B and 7 CFR 220, Appendix B shall be sold in food service areas during breakfast and lunch periods, with an exception for decorative items..

B. The sale of foods during meal periods in food service areas shall be allowed only if all income from the sale, including the sale of approved foods or drinks from vending machines, accrues to the benefit of the school, the school food service program, or the student organizations sponsoring the sale.

C. To the extent practicable, the district shall ensure that foods offered at school other than through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast programs, including foods sold through vending machines, shall comply with the A la Carte and Vending

Guidelines established by the Vermont Departments of Health and Education.

## V. Policy Implementation.

A. The superintendent or his or her designee shall monitor district programs and curriculum to ensure compliance with this policy and any administrative procedures established to carry out the requirements of this policy.

B. The superintendent or his or her designee shall report at least annually to the board on the district's compliance with law and policies related to student wellness. The report shall include an assurance that district guidelines for reimbursable meals are not less restrictive than regulations and guidelines issued for schools in accordance with federal law.

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Legal Reference(s).

- 16 V.S.A. §§131 & 906(b)(3).
- Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.
- Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.
- Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, Section 204 of Public Law 108-265.
- Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR Part 210 and Part 220.