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[Note: All schools that receive funding from the federal school lunch program are required by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (“the Act”) to have a Wellness Policy that includes nutrition guidelines, goals for nutrition education, and physical activity to promote student wellness. The Act requires the involvement of parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, the school board, school administrators, and the public in the development of the wellness policy. The Act also requires a plan for measuring implementation of the policy and the designation of at least one person charged with operational responsibility for ensuring the school is in compliance with the policy. The Act provides for technical assistance and information from the Secretary of Agriculture to aid state and local educational agencies and school food authorities in establishing healthy school nutrition environments, reducing childhood obesity, and preventing diet-related chronic diseases.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to assure a school environment that promotes and protects students’ health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The school board recognizes that nutrition education and physical education are essential components of the educational process and that good health fosters student attendance and education.

B. The school environment should promote and protect students’ health, well-being, and ability to learn by encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.

C. Woodbury Leadership Academy encourages the involvement of students, parents, teachers, food service staff, and other interested persons in implementing, monitoring, and reviewing school nutrition and physical activity policies.

D. Children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive.

E. All students in grades K-12 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.

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F. Qualified food service personnel will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; try to accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.

III. GUIDELINES

A. Foods and Beverages

[Note: The Act requires that schools have nutrition guidelines, selected by the school], for all foods available on the school campus during the school day with the objective of promoting student health and reducing student obesity.]

1. All foods and beverages made available on campus (including concessions and a la carte cafeteria items) will be consistent with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
2. Food service personnel will take every measure to ensure that student access to foods and beverages meet or exceed all federal, state, and local laws and guidelines.
3. Food service personnel shall adhere to all federal, state, and local food safety and security guidelines.
4. Woodbury Leadership Academy will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.

[Note: The Act requires that school's wellness policy provide an assurance that guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture pursuant to the Child Nutrition Act (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.) and sections 9(f)(1) and 17(a) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(f)(1), 1766(a), as those regulations apply to schools.)]

5. Woodbury Leadership Academy will provide students access to hand washing or hand sanitizing before they eat meals or snacks.
6. Woodbury Leadership Academy will make every effort to provide students with sufficient time to eat after sitting down for school meals and will schedule meal periods at appropriate times during the school day.

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7. Woodbury Leadership Academy will discourage tutoring, club, or organizational meetings or activities during mealtimes, unless students may eat during such activities.

B. School Food Service Program/Personnel

1. Woodbury Leadership Academy will provide healthy and safe school meal programs that strictly comply with all federal, state, and local statutes and regulations.

2. Woodbury Leadership Academy shall designate an appropriate person to be responsible for Woodbury Leadership Academy's food service program, whose duties shall include the creation of nutrition guidelines and procedures for the selection of foods and beverages made available on campus to ensure food and beverage choices are consistent with current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

3. As part of Woodbury Leadership Academy's responsibility to operate a food service program, Woodbury Leadership Academy will provide continuing professional development for all food service personnel in schools.

C. Nutrition Education and Promotion

[Note: The Act requires that wellness policies include goals for nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that are designed to promote student wellness in a manner that the school determines is appropriate.]

1. Woodbury Leadership Academy will encourage and support healthy

eating by students and engage in nutrition promotion that is:

a. offered as part of a comprehensive program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;

b. part of health education classes as well as classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects, where appropriate; and

c. enjoyable, developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant, and includes participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, and field trips.

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2. Woodbury Leadership Academy will encourage all students to make age appropriate, healthy selections of foods and beverages, including those sold individually outside the reimbursable school meal programs, such as through a la carte [snack] lines, vending machines, fundraising events, concession stands, and student stores.

3. Schools will not use foods or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior (unless this practice is allowed by a student's individual education plan or behavior intervention plan) and will not withhold food or beverages as punishment.

D. Physical Activity

1. Students need opportunities for physical activity and to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior. Toward that end, health education will reinforce the knowledge and self-management skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and reduce sedentary activities such as watching television;

2. Opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons, where appropriate; and

3. Classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.

E. Communications with Parents

1. Woodbury Leadership Academy recognizes that parents and guardians have a primary and fundamental role in promoting and protecting their children's health and well-being.

2. Woodbury Leadership Academy will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.

3. Woodbury Leadership Academy encourages parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and refrain from including beverages and foods without nutritional value.

4. Woodbury Leadership Academy will provide information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities and will support parents' efforts to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

[Note: The Act requires that the wellness policy establish a plan for measuring implementation of the policy, including designation of at least one or more persons within the school or at each school, as appropriate, charged with operational responsibility for ensuring that the school meets the requirements of the wellness policy.]

A. After approval by the school board, the wellness policy will be implemented

throughout Woodbury Leadership Academy.

B. School food service staff, at the school or district level, will ensure compliance within the school's food service areas and will report to the food service program administrator, or the building director, as appropriate.

C. Woodbury Leadership Academy's food service program administrator will provide an annual report to the superintendent setting forth the nutrition guidelines and procedures for selection of all foods made available on campus.

D. The administration or designee will ensure compliance with the wellness policy and will provide an annual report of Woodbury Leadership Academy's compliance with the policy to the school board.

E. Woodbury Leadership Academy will post this wellness policy on its website, to the extent it maintains a website.