



# SOUTHGATE ACADEMY

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## SOUTHGATE ACADEMY Local Wellness Policy

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### I. Wellness Policy Goals

#### Goal for Nutrition Promotion:

*Southgate Academy's goal is to promote healthy lifestyles through various forms of media such as school website, newsletters, social media, handouts and presentations, this will also include the Smarter Lunchroom Techniques, participate in a Farm to School activity, and utilize community resources that are available.*

#### Goal for Nutrition Education:

*Southgate Academy aims to teach, encourage, and support healthy eating to students and staff.*

*Food guidance, food safety, physical activity, social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers, and culture will be provided during community events.*

#### Goal for Physical Activity:

*All students will participate in physical education and or physical activity that meets or exceeds state standards.*

*Southgate Academy recommends teachers provide short (3-5 minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time.*

#### Goal for Other School-Based Activities that Promote Student Wellness:

*Southgate Academy will provide resources for staff to promote health and wellness. When feasible, Southgate Academy will offer professional learning opportunities to increase knowledge and skills promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school.*

*After school program will provide and encourage daily physical activities for participants.*

*During community events, Southgate Academy will promote the benefits of healthy eating and physical activity throughout the year.*

### II. Nutrition Standards

#### **School Meals**

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.

- a. *All schools in the district will participate in the National School Lunch Program.*
- b. *All meals will, at a minimum, meet the New Meal Pattern requirements.*

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- c. *Free, potable water will be available to all students during meal periods.*
- d. *Additional standards include:*
  - I. *All meals are accessible to all students and food will be served in a clean and pleasant setting.*
  - II. *Offer a variety of fruits and vegetables.*
  - III. *Participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program*
  - IV. *Students will be allowed at least 20 minutes for breakfast and lunch.*

### **Competitive Foods and Beverages**

- e. *Nutrition standards for competitive foods and beverages must, at a minimum, meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in Schools guidelines. These guidelines apply to all foods sold in the following locations:*
  - I. *All Gator Cafeterias*
  - II. *Classrooms*
  - III. *Field Trips*
  - IV. *Gator Events during school hours*
- f. *List any additional criteria the district has established for competitive foods here:*

### **Celebrations and Rewards**

Arizona Law (ARS 15-242) states that all food and beverages served to students in grades K-8 must meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in Schools guidelines.

*Southgate Academy will provide a list of healthy party ideas and snacks to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas, we will also provide parents a list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards.*

*Southgate Academy will also provide teachers and staff a list of alternative ways to reward children. Food and Beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishments for any reason, such as performance or behavior.*

- g. *These guidelines apply to (check all that apply):*
  - ☒ School-sponsored events
  - ☐ Celebrations and parties
  - ☒ Classroom snacks provided by parents
  - ☐ Classroom rewards and Incentives

### **Fundraising**

*Only Foods and Beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus during the school day.*

### **Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools**

Food and beverage marketing is defined as advertising and other promotions in schools. Food and beverage marketing often include an oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product. Due to these facts, all products advertised and promoted on school campus and marketed on the school campus meet the Smart Snacks guidelines.

### **III. School Wellness Committee**

#### ***Committee Role and Membership***

The District will convene a representative district wellness committee that meets to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this district-level wellness policy.

- a. *Describe frequency of meetings: 2 times a year.*
- b. *Parents, students, and representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education if applicable, school health professionals, the school board, and school administrator are encouraged to participate. The wellness committee will represent the whole school community, this includes, parents, students, food service staff, Health teacher, administration, school board members, health aide, and the general public.*
- c. *Southgate Academy will publish a tri-annual report to share basic information about the school wellness policy. Assessment results will be provided. Southgate Academy will notify households/families of the availability of the annual report through the website. The committee will update and/or modify the wellness policy based on results of the local wellness policy activity and assessment tool provided by the AZ Department of Education. Assessment will be completed and updated according to results every 3 years. Due to Covid 19, Tri-annual assessment has been waived until the 2023-2024 school year.*

#### ***Leadership***

The district has designated one or more LEA and/or school official(s) who have the authority and responsibility to ensure each school complies with the local wellness policy.

- d. *The designated official for oversight of implementation is: Naomi L. Borboa*
- e. *The designated official for convening the wellness committee: Naomi L. Borboa*
- f. *The person designated for informing the public about the wellness policy is: Sylvia Calmelat*

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

#### ***Implementation of the Wellness Policy***

Southgate Academy's school wellness committee will meet 2 times in August and March, to establish goals and review school health and safety policies and programs including the periodic review and update of the wellness policy.

#### ***Triennial Progress Assessments***

At least once every three years, the LEA must conduct an assessment of their wellness policy. To accomplish this, the District will evaluate compliance with their wellness policy and assess progress toward meeting the goals of the District Wellness policy. Additionally, USDA requires that the District will compare their policy to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy.

- a. The District will assess compliance and progress of their local wellness policy at least once every 3 years.
  - i. Provide a description of how the District will assess the progress made in attaining the goals of the District's wellness policy:  
Southgate Academy will utilize AZ Department of Education Local Wellness Policy Activity & Assessment Tool.
  - ii. Provide a description of how the District will assess each school's compliance with sections I-IV of this wellness policy.

The NSLP Specialist shall be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the *Southgate Academy School Wellness Policy* through meetings with agendas and sign in sheets.

- b. The District will assess how their wellness policy compares to model wellness policies.
  - i. Southgate Academy will compare their policy with the model policies. This will be done with the help of the AZ Department of Education Program Specialist.

### ***Revisions and Updating the Policy***

Southgate Academy will update or modify the wellness policy as appropriate, based on the needs of our school.

### ***Notification of Wellness Policy, Policy Updates and Triennial Assessment***

Southgate Academy will inform families and the public each year of any updates to the wellness policy and every three years their compliance with the written wellness policy.

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