



SECTION: PUPILS  
 TITLE: SCHOOL WELLNESS  
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246. SCHOOL WELLNESS	
<p>1. Purpose</p>	<p>South Hills Catholic Academy recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students’ physical well-being, growth, development and readiness to learn. The School is committed to providing a school environment that promotes student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education and promotion, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.</p>
<p>2. Authority                      SC 1422.1                      42 U.S.C.                      Sec. 1758b                      7 CFR                      Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>The School adopts this policy based on the recommendations of the Wellness Committee and in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations.</p> <p>To ensure the health and well-being of all students, South Hills Catholic Academy establishes that the School shall provide to students:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A comprehensive nutrition program consistent with federal and state requirements.</li> <li>2. Access at reasonable cost to foods and beverages that meet established nutrition guidelines.</li> <li>3. Physical education courses and opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day.</li> <li>4. Curriculum and programs for grades K-8 that are designed to educate students about proper nutrition and lifelong physical activity, in accordance with State School of Education curriculum regulations and academic standards.</li> </ol>
<p>3. Delegation of</p>	<p>The Principal and cafeteria manager shall be responsible for the implementation</p>

<p>Responsibility 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b 7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p> <p>7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>and oversight of this policy to ensure that programs and curriculum are compliant with this policy, related policies and established guidelines or administrative regulations.</p> <p>Staff members responsible for programs related to school wellness shall report to the Principal regarding the status of such programs.</p>
<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b 7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>The Principal or cafeteria manager, and the established Wellness Committee shall conduct an assessment at least once every three (3) years on the contents and implementation of this policy as part of a continuous improvement process to strengthen the policy and ensure implementation. This triennial assessment shall be made available to the public in an accessible and easily understood manner and include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The extent to which the school is in compliance with law and policies related to school wellness.</li> <li>2. The extent to which this policy compares to model wellness policies.</li> <li>3. A description of the progress made by the school in attaining the goals of this policy.</li> </ol>
<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>At least once every three (3) years, the School shall update or modify this policy as needed, based on the results of the most recent triennial assessment and/or as School and community needs and priorities change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information and technologies emerge; and new federal or state guidance or standards are issued.</p>
<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p>	<p>The School shall annually inform and update the public, including parents/guardians, students and others in the community, about the contents,</p>

<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>updates and implementation of this policy via the School website, student handbooks, newsletters, posted notices and/or other efficient communication methods. This annual notification shall include information on how to access the School Wellness policy; information about the most recent triennial assessment; information on how to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review and update of the School Wellness policy; and a means of contacting Wellness Committee leadership.</p>
<p>4. Guidelines</p> <p>7 CFR Sec. 210.15, 210.31</p>	<p><u>Recordkeeping</u></p> <p>The School shall retain records documenting compliance with the requirements of the School Wellness policy, which shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The written School Wellness policy.</li> <li>2. Documentation demonstrating that the School has informed the public, on an annual basis, about the contents of the School Wellness policy and any updates to the policy.</li> <li>3. Documentation of efforts to review and update the School Wellness policy, including who is involved in the review and methods used by the School to inform the public of their ability to participate in the review.</li> <li>4. Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the School Wellness policy and notification of the assessment results to the public.</li> </ol>
<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1758b</p>	<p><u>Wellness Committee</u></p> <p>The School shall establish a Wellness Committee comprised of, but not necessarily limited to, at least one (1) of each of the following: School administrator, School food service representative, student, parent/guardian, school health professional, physical education teacher and member of the public. It shall be the goal that committee membership will include representatives from each school building and reflect the diversity of the community.</p> <p>The Wellness Committee shall serve as an advisory committee regarding student health issues and shall be responsible for developing, implementing and periodically reviewing and updating a School Wellness policy that complies with law to recommend to the School for adoption.</p>

<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.31</p>	<p>The Wellness Committee shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques in establishing goals for nutrition education and promotion, physical activity and other school based activities that promote student wellness as part of the policy development and revision process.</p>
<p>SC 1422</p>	<p>Individuals who conduct student medical and dental examinations shall submit to the Principal annual reports and later reports on the remedial work accomplished during the year, as required by law.</p>
<p>SC 1513 Pol. 102, 105</p>	<p><u>Nutrition Education</u></p> <p>Nutrition education will be provided within the sequential, comprehensive health education program in accordance with curriculum regulations and the academic standards for Health, Safety and Physical Education, and Family and Consumer Sciences.</p> <p>Nutrition education in the School shall teach, model, encourage and support healthy eating by students. Promoting student health and nutrition enhances readiness for learning and increases student achievement.</p> <p>Nutrition education shall provide all students with the knowledge and skills needed to lead healthy lives.</p> <p>Nutrition education lessons and activities shall be age-appropriate.</p> <p>Nutrition curriculum shall teach behavior-focused skills, which may include menu planning, reading nutrition labels and media awareness.</p> <p>Nutrition education shall be integrated into other subjects such as math, science, language arts and social sciences to complement but not replace academic standards based on nutrition education.</p> <p>Lifelong lifestyle balance shall be reinforced by linking nutrition education and physical activity.</p>
<p>Pol. 808</p>	<p><u>Nutrition Promotion</u></p>

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.

South Hills Catholic Academy shall promote nutrition through the implementation of Farm to School activities where possible. Activities may include, but not be limited to, the initiation/maintenance of school gardens, taste-testing of local products in the cafeteria and classroom, classroom education about local agriculture and nutrition, field trips to local farms and incorporation of local foods into school meal programs.

School staff shall cooperate with agencies and community organizations to provide opportunities for appropriate student projects related to nutrition.

School food service personnel shall review and implement research-based, behavioral economics techniques in the cafeteria to encourage consumption of more whole grains, fruits, vegetables and legumes, and to decrease plate waste.

Consistent nutrition messages shall be disseminated and displayed throughout the School, schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community and media.

Consistent nutrition messages shall be demonstrated by avoiding use of unhealthy food items in classroom lesson plans and school staff avoiding eating less healthy food items in front of students.

South Hills Catholic Academy shall offer resources about health and nutrition to encourage parents/guardians to provide healthy meals for their children.

#### Physical Activity

South Hills Catholic Academy shall strive to provide opportunities for developmentally appropriate physical activity during the school day for all students.

South Hills Catholic Academy shall contribute to the effort to provide students opportunities to accumulate at least sixty (60) minutes of age-appropriate physical activity daily, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Opportunities offered at school will augment physical activity outside the school environment, such as outdoor play at home, sports, etc.

Students shall participate daily in a variety of age-appropriate physical activities designed to achieve optimal health, wellness, fitness and performance benefits.

Age-appropriate physical activity opportunities, such as outdoor and indoor recess, before and after school programs, during lunch, clubs, intramurals and interscholastic athletics, shall be provided to meet the needs and interests of all students, in addition to planned physical education.

A physical and social environment that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students shall be maintained.

Extended periods of student inactivity, two (2) hours or more, shall be discouraged.

Physical activity breaks shall be provided for students during classroom hours.

Before and/or after-school programs shall provide developmentally appropriate physical activity for participating children.

Schools shall partner with parents/guardians and community members and organizations, such as YMCAs, Boys & Girls Clubs, local and state parks, hospitals, etc., to institute programs that support lifelong physical activity.

Physical activity shall not be used or withheld as a form of punishment.

Schools shall promote physical activity through encouragement of walking and biking as a means of transportation to and from school.

Students and their families shall be encouraged to utilize School-owned physical activity facilities, such as playgrounds and fields, outside school hours in accordance with established School rules.

#### Physical Education

A sequential physical education program consistent with curriculum regulations

<p>SC 1512.1 Pol. 102, 105</p>	<p>and Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards shall be developed and implemented. All School students must participate in physical education.</p> <p>Quality physical education instruction that promotes lifelong physical activity and provides instruction in the skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong participation shall be provided.</p> <p>Physical education classes shall be the means through which all students learn, practice and are assessed on developmentally appropriate skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity.</p> <p>A comprehensive physical education course of study that focuses on providing students the skills, knowledge and confidence to participate in lifelong, health-enhancing physical activity shall be implemented.</p> <p>A varied and comprehensive curriculum that promotes both team and individual activities and leads to students becoming and remaining physically active for a lifetime shall be provided in the physical education program.</p> <p>Adequate amounts of planned instruction shall be provided in order for students to achieve the proficient level for the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.</p> <p>A local assessment system shall be implemented to track student progress on the Health, Safety and Physical Education academic standards.</p> <p>Students shall be moderately to vigorously active as much time as possible during a physical education class. Documented medical conditions and disabilities shall be accommodated during class.</p> <p>Safe and adequate equipment, facilities and resources shall be provided for physical education courses.</p> <p>Appropriate professional development shall be provided for physical education staff.</p> <p>Physical education classes shall have a teacher-student ratio comparable to those of other courses for safe and effective instruction.</p> <p>Physical activity shall not be used or withheld solely as a form of punishment.</p> <p><u>Other School Based Activities</u></p>
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The School shall support the efforts of parents/guardians to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for children by communicating relevant information through various methods.

The School shall maintain a healthy school environment, to optimize conditions for learning and minimize potential health risks to students, in accordance with the school's environmental health program and applicable laws and regulations.

Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods/Beverages at School

All foods and beverages available in School schools during the school day shall be offered to students with consideration for promoting student health and reducing obesity.

Foods and beverages provided through the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall comply with established federal nutrition standards.

Foods and beverages offered or sold at school-sponsored events outside the school day, such as athletic events and dances, shall offer healthy alternatives in addition to more traditional fare.

*Competitive Foods –*

Competitive foods available for sale shall meet or exceed the established federal nutrition standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School). These standards shall apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold to students, which may include, but are not limited to: a la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, snack carts and fundraisers.

<p>42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq, 1773 7 CFR Sec. 210.10, 220.8</p>	<p><b>Competitive foods</b> are defined as foods and beverages offered or sold to students on school campus during the school day, which are not part of the reimbursable school breakfast or lunch.</p> <p>For purposes of this policy, <b>school campus</b> means any area of property under the jurisdiction of the school that students may access during the school day.</p>
<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11, 220.12, 210.31</p>	<p>For purposes of this policy, <b>school day</b> means the period from midnight before school begins until thirty (30) minutes after the end of the official school day.</p> <p>The School may impose additional restrictions on competitive foods, provided that the restrictions are not inconsistent with federal requirements.</p>
<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11, 210.31</p>	<p><i>Fundraiser Exemptions –</i></p> <p>Fundraising activities held during the school day involving the sale of competitive foods shall be limited to foods that meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, unless an exemption is approved in accordance with applicable School policy and administrative regulations.</p>
<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11, 210.31 7 CFR Sec. 210.11</p>	<p>The School may allow a limited number of exempt fundraisers as permitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education each school year: up to five (5) exempt fundraisers in elementary and middle school buildings, and up to ten (10) exempt fundraisers in high school buildings. <b>Exempt fundraisers</b> are fundraisers in which competitive foods are available for sale to students that do not meet the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.</p> <p>The School shall establish administrative regulations to implement fundraising activities in School schools, including procedures for requesting a fundraiser exemption.</p>
<p>Pol. 229</p>	<p><i>Non-Sold Competitive Foods –</i></p> <p>Non-sold competitive foods available to students, which may include but are not limited to foods and beverages offered as rewards and incentives, at classroom parties and celebrations, or as shared classroom snacks, shall meet or exceed the</p>

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standards established by the School.

If the offered competitive foods do not meet or exceed the Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, the following standards shall apply:

1. Rewards and Incentives:

Foods and beverages shall not be used as a reward or incentive in School schools.

Classroom Parties and Celebrations:

Only non-food based parties and celebrations shall occur on the school campus during the school day in School schools.

2.

Shared Classroom Snacks:

Shared classroom snacks are not permitted in South Hills Catholic Academy..

The School shall provide a list of suggested nonfood ideas and healthy food and beverage alternatives to parents/guardians and staff, which may be posted via the School website, student handbook, newsletters, posted notices and/or other efficient communication methods.

*Marketing/Contracting –*

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus during the school day shall meet or exceed the established federal nutrition standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School) and comply with established School policy and administrative regulations.

Exclusive competitive food and/or beverage contracts shall be approved by the School, in accordance with provisions of law. Existing contracts shall be reviewed and modified to the extent feasible to ensure compliance with established federal nutrition standards, including applicable marketing restrictions.

Management of Food Allergies in School Schools

The School shall establish a school policy and administrative regulations to address food allergy management in School schools in order to:

<p>7 CFR Sec. 210.11, 210.31</p> <p>SC 504.1</p> <p>Pol. 209.1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Reduce and/or eliminate the likelihood of severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reactions.</li><li>2. Ensure a rapid and effective response in case of a severe or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.</li><li>3. Protect the rights of students by providing them, through necessary accommodations when required, the opportunity to participate fully in all school programs and activities.</li></ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 504.1, 701, 742, 1337.1, 1422, 1422.1, 1422.3, 1512.1, 1513</p> <p>National School Lunch Program – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1751 et seq.</p> <p>School Breakfast Program – 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1773</p> <p>Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 – P.L. 111-296</p> <p>National Food Service Programs, Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations – 7 CFR Part 210, Part 220</p> <p>School Policy – 102, 103, 103.1, 105, 209.1, 229, 808</p> <p><b>PSBA Revision 8/18</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>© 2018 PSBA</b></span></p>
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