

SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

The Paradise Valley Unified School District adopts this school wellness policy with the following commitments to nutrition, education, and physical activity.

Nutrition Requirements:

1. All schools in the Paradise Valley Unified School District will participate in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. Food served in school cafeterias will meet all Nutrient Standards established by the USDA. The Nutrition & Wellness department will provide snacks that meet federal nutrition guidelines to after school programs as appropriate.
2. Students will be given adequate time to eat lunch.
3. In the elementary and middle schools, foods sold and served during the school day must comply with the Arizona Nutrition Standards established by the Arizona Department of Education.

Education Requirements:

1. Paradise Valley Unified School District will provide a consistent message of nutrition and wellness in all schools. This will be accomplished through the use of multi-media: videos, morning announcements, school newspapers/newsletters, websites, etc.
2. Each school will form a wellness committee to facilitate nutrition education and promote physical activity. These committees will work with the school physical education department to coordinate school-wide wellness activities. The committee will be responsible for submitting an annual summary of wellness activities to the Director of Nutrition & Wellness.
3. The Nutrition & Wellness department will provide food safety and handling guidelines for campus activities in the Student Activities Handbook.

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4. Family nutrition education will be accomplished in the form of hand-outs, district website postings, presentations, school newsletters, etc. Nutrition education will be provided to families of students at all levels (elementary, middle, and high) within the district.

Physical Activity Requirements:

1. Physical activity is a critical component of a healthy lifestyle. School-based programs should be implemented to encourage physical activity.
2. High schools will provide other physical education opportunities other than the one year requirement.

Recommendations:

Policy recommendations are available in the PVUSD Administrative Handbook.

Implementation and Monitoring:

To ensure successful implementation of the PVUSD wellness policy, resources will be available on the district Nutrition & Wellness department website. The Director of Nutrition & Wellness will be responsible for monitoring policy implementation and disseminating pertinent information to the schools.

Reference

Section 204 of Public Law 108-265, the Child Nutrition Act of 2004

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