

Helendale School District
Wellness Policy

Local Wellness Policy for Helendale School District.

The Helendale School District is committed to creating a healthy School environment that enhances the development of lifelong wellness practices to promote healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement.

Nutrition Education

Every year, all students, Pre-K-12, shall receive nutrition education that is aligned with the California Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks. Nutrition education that teaches the knowledge, skills, and values needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors shall be integrated into the curriculum. Nutrition education information shall be offered throughout the school campus including, but not limited to, school dining areas and classrooms.

Staff members who provide nutrition education shall have the appropriate training.

Nutrition Standards

Nutrition Services employs well-prepared staff that efficiently serve appealing choices of compliant, nutritious foods at breakfast and lunch.

The district shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet or exceed state and federal guidelines (Appendix G: Competitive Food Regulations Summary). The district shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices.

All students shall have access to free, safe, fresh drinking water during meal times.

The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs. The district shall consider nutrient density and portion size before permitting food and beverages to be sold or served to students.

Nutrition Services Staff will be regularly trained in food safety.

The district superintendent shall continually evaluate vending policies and contracts. Vending contracts that do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.

Food safety and sanitation standards must be followed at all school-related events. Any persons handling food or utensils must have a San Bernardino County Food Handlers Card and follow all food safety guidelines. Including but not limited to

- Wash their hands properly
- Hold food at correct temperatures
- Clean and sanitize utensils and work surfaces
- Not handle food or utensils when sick
- Not handle food with bare hands

Homemade foods will not be allowed for students during the school day. This does not apply to students' lunches and snacks brought home for individual consumption.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

The district shall offer physical education opportunities that include the components of a quality physical education program. Physical education shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity. Physical education instruction shall be aligned with the California Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks.

Every year, all students, Pre-K-12, shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised physical activities, either organized or unstructured, intended to maintain physical fitness and to understand the short and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness

The district may implement other appropriate programs that help create a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

Implementation and Measurement

The district superintendent shall implement this policy and measure how well it is being managed and enforced. The district superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy. Input from teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), school nurses, parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, school board members, school administrators, and the public shall be considered before implementing such rules. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The wellness policy shall be reviewed and updated periodically. Annual notification will go out to inform the public via the Helendale School District website helendalesd.com and the Helendale School District Facebook page of the content and implementation of the school wellness policy. The district superintendent shall report to the local school board, as requested, on the district's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

Local Administrative Rules Regarding Helendale School District's Local Wellness Policy

In order to enact and enforce Helendale School District's Local Wellness Policy, the superintendent and the administrative team will have developed these local administrative rules. Administrative team members should be comprised of teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, school board members, school administrators, and the public.

To assist in the creation of a healthy school environment, the District shall establish a Coordinated School Health Team that will provide an ongoing review and evaluation of the Helendale School District's Local Wellness Policy and these local administrative rules.

The superintendent shall appoint a member of the administrative staff of the District to organize the Coordinated School Health Team and invite appropriate District stakeholders to become members of the Coordinated School Health Team. A Coordinated School Health Team may include representatives from the following areas:

- Administration
- Counseling/psychological/and social services
- Food services
- Health education
- Health services
- Parent/guardian, student and community (including health care providers, hospital and public health department staff, non-profit health organizations, physical activity groups, community youth organizations, and university or other governmental agencies).
- Physical education

(Note: An existing committee may assume the responsibility of the Coordinated School Health Team)

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

(Appendix G: Competitive Food Regulations Summary)

NON-CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

QUICK REFERENCE CARDS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FOOD RESTRICTIONS

References: *Education Code* sections 49430, 49431, 49431.7; *California Code of Regulations* sections 15575, 15577, 15578; *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.11, 220.12

An elementary school contains no grade higher than grade 6.
Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Applies to ALL foods sold to students by any entity.
Sold means the exchange of food for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

Compliant foods

Must meet one of the following general food standards:

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item* (or have one of these as the first ingredient), or
- Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable.

AND must meet the following nutrition standards:

- ≤ 35% calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, fruit, non-fried vegetables, seafood), and
- < 10% calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- ≤ 35% sugar by weight (except fruit**, non-fried vegetables, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), and
- ≤ 200 milligrams sodium per item/container (no exceptions), and
- ≤ 200 calories per item/container (no exceptions)

Paired foods:

- If exempt food(s) are combined with nonexempt food(s) or added fat/sugar they must meet ALL nutrition standards above.
- If two foods exempt from one or more of the nutrition standards are paired together and sold as a single item, the item must meet for trans fat, sodium, and calories.

* A whole grain item contains:

- The statement "Diets rich in whole grain foods... and low in total fat... may help reduce the risk of heart disease..." or
- A whole grain as the first ingredient, or
- A combination of whole grain ingredients comprising at least 51% of the total grain weight (manufacturer must verify), or
- At least 51% whole grain by weight.

** Dried blueberries, cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, chopped dates, or chopped figs that contain added sugar are exempt from fat and sugar standards. Canned fruit in 100% juice only.

CHECK YOUR DISTRICT'S WELLNESS POLICY FOR STRICTER RULES.

Groups or individuals selling foods/beverages to students must keep their own records as proof of compliance.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BEVERAGE RESTRICTIONS

References: *Education Code* Section 49431.5, *California Code of Regulations* Section 15576, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.10, 210.11, 220.8, 220.12

An elementary school contains no grade higher than grade 6.
Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Applies to ALL beverages sold to students by any entity.
Sold means the exchange of beverages for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

A compliant beverage must be marketed or labeled as a fruit and/or vegetable juice, milk, non-dairy milk, or water AND meet all criteria under that specific category.

Compliant beverages:

1. Fruit or Vegetable juice:
 - a. ≥ 50% juice and
 - b. No added sweeteners
 - c. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
2. Milk:
 - a. Cow's or goat's milk, and
 - b. 1% (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), and
 - c. Contains Vitamins A & D, and
 - d. ≥ 25% of the calcium Daily Value per 8 fl. oz., and
 - e. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
 - f. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
3. Non-dairy milk:
 - a. Nutritionally equivalent to milk (see 7 CFR 210.10(d)(3), 220.8(l)(3) must contain per 8 fl. oz.:
 - ≥ 276 mg calcium
 - ≥ 8 g protein
 - ≥ 500 IU Vit A
 - ≥ 100 IU Vit D
 - ≥ 24 mg magnesium
 - ≥ 222 mg phosphorus
 - ≥ 349 mg potassium
 - ≥ 0.44 mg riboflavin
 - ≥ 1.1 mcg Vit B12, and
 - b. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz., and
 - c. ≤ 5 grams fat per 8 fl. oz.
 - d. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
4. Water:
 - a. No added sweeteners
 - b. No serving size

All beverages must be caffeine-free (trace amounts are allowable).

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Reference: *California Code of Regulations* Section 15500

Student organization is defined as a group of students that are NOT associated with the curricula or academics of the school or district.
Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Student organization sales must comply with all food and beverage standards AND all of the following:

1. Only one food or beverage item per sale.
2. The food or beverage item must be pre-approved by the governing board of the school district.
3. The sale must occur after the last lunch period has ended.
4. The food or beverage item cannot be prepared on campus.
5. Each school is allowed four sales per year.
6. The food or beverage item cannot be the same item sold in the food service program at that school during the same school day.

(Appendix G: Competitive Food Regulations Summary Cont.)

QUICK REFERENCE CARDS

NON-CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-FOOD RESTRICTIONS

References: *Education Code* sections 49430, 49431.2, 49431.7, *California Code of Regulations* sections 15575, 15577, 15578, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.11, 220.12

A middle/junior high contains grades 7 or 8, 7 to 9, 7 to 10.
A high school contains any of grades 10 to 12.
Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.
Applies to ALL foods sold to students by any entity.
Sold means the exchange of food for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

"Snack" foods must meet one of the following general food standards:

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item* (or have one of these as the first ingredient), or
 - Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable.
- AND must meet the following nutrition standards:
- ≤ 35% calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, fruit, non-fried vegetables, seafood), and
 - < 10% calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
 - ≤ 35% sugar by weight (except fruit**, non-fried vegetables, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
 - < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), and
 - ≤ 200 milligrams sodium per item/container (no exceptions), and
 - ≤ 200 calories per item/container (no exceptions)

Paired foods:

- If exempt food(s) are combined with nonexempt food(s) or added fat/sugar they must meet ALL nutrition standards above.
- If two foods exempt from one or more of the nutrition standards are paired together and sold as a single item, the item must meet for trans fat, sodium, and calories.

"Entrée" foods must be intended as the main dish and be a:

- Meat/meat alternate and whole grain rich food, or
- Meat/meat alternate and fruit or non-fried vegetable, or
- Meat/meat alternate alone (cannot be yogurt, cheese, nuts, seeds, or meat snacks = these are considered a "snack" food).

AND

A competitive entrée sold by District/School Food Service the day of or the day after it appears on the reimbursable meal program menu must be:

- ≤ 400 calories, and
- ≤ 35% calories from fat
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving

A competitive entrée sold by Food Service if NOT on the menu the day of or day after or any other entity (PTA, student organization, etc.) must meet one of the following general food standards:

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item (or have one of these as the first ingredient), or
- Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable

AND meet the following nutrition standards:

- ≤ 35% calories from fat, and
- < 10% calories from saturated fat, and
- ≤ 35% sugar by weight, and
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving, and
- ≤ 480 milligrams sodium, and
- ≤ 350 calories

* A whole grain item contains:

- The statement "Diets rich in whole grain foods... and low in total fat... may help reduce the risk of heart disease..." or
- A whole grain as the first ingredient, or
- A combination of whole grain ingredients comprising at least 51% of the total grain weight (manufacturer must verify), or
- At least 51% whole grain by weight.

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MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-BEVERAGE RESTRICTIONS

References: *Education Code* Section 49431.5, *California Code of Regulations* Section 15576, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.10, 210.11, 220.8, 220.12

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A high school contains any of grades 10 to 12.
Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.
Applies to ALL beverages sold to students by any entity.
Sold means the exchange of beverages for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

A compliant beverage must be marketed or labeled as a fruit and/or vegetable juice, milk, non-dairy milk, water, electrolyte replacement beverage/sports drink, or flavored water AND meet all criteria under that specific category.

Compliant beverages:

1. Fruit or Vegetable Juice:
 - a. ≥ 50% juice and
 - b. No added sweeteners
 - c. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
2. Milk:
 - a. Cow's or goat's milk, and
 - b. 1% (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), and
 - c. Contains Vitamins A & D, and
 - d. ≥ 25% of the calcium Daily Value per 8 fl. oz., and
 - e. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
 - f. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
3. Non-dairy milk:
 - a. Nutritionally equivalent to milk (see 7 CFR 210.10(d)(3), 220.8(l)(3)), and
 - b. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz., and
 - c. ≤ 5 grams fat per 8 fl. oz.
 - d. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
4. Water:
 - a. No added sweeteners
 - b. No serving size limit
5. Electrolyte Replacement Beverages (HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY)
 - a. Must be either ≤ 5 calories/8 fl. oz. (no calorie) OR ≤ 40 calories/8 fl. oz. (low calorie)
 - b. Water as first ingredient
 - c. ≤ 16.8 grams added sweetener/8 fl. oz.
 - d. 10-150 mg sodium/8 fl. oz.
 - e. 10-90 mg potassium/8 fl. oz.
 - f. No added caffeine
 - g. ≤ 20 fl. oz. serving size (no calorie) OR ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size (low calorie)
6. Flavored Water (HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY)
 - a. Must be either ≤ 5 calories/8 fl. oz. (no calorie) OR ≤ 40 calories/8 fl. oz. (low calorie)
 - b. No added sweetener
 - c. No added caffeine
 - d. ≤ 20 fl. oz. serving size (no calorie) OR ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size (low calorie)

All beverages must be caffeine-free (trace amounts are allowable).

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Reference: *California Code of Regulations* Section 15501

Student organization is defined as a group of students that are NOT associated with the curricula or academics of the school or district. Effective from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Student organization sales must comply with all food and beverage standards AND all of the following:

1. Up to three categories of foods or beverages may be sold each day (e.g., chips, sandwiches, juices, etc.).
2. Food or beverage item(s) must be pre-approved by the governing board of the school district.
3. Only one student organization is allowed to sell each day.
4. Food(s) or beverage(s) cannot be prepared on campus.
5. The food or beverage categories sold cannot be the same as the categories sold in the food service program at that school during the same school day.
6. In addition to one student organization sale each day, any and all student organizations may sell on the same four designated days per year. School administration may set these dates.