

**Earlimart School District Wellness Policy**  
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**Students**

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**STUDENT WELLNESS - PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND NUTRITION**

The Earlimart School District, in partnership with parents and the community, is committed to providing a healthy school environment. Good health fosters student performance, attendance, and education. By supporting healthy eating and physical activity, we will promote and protect children's health, well-being and ability to learn. It has been researched and documented that obesity and other illnesses are directly linked to unhealthy eating habits and physical inactivity patterns that are often established in childhood. The Earlimart School District has the opportunity to be a positive influence on its students by offering the healthiest foods, beverages and physical activity opportunities possible and by providing other health-supporting programs and opportunities. Therefore, Earlimart School District will:

<b>1. School District Wellness Committee</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Establish and sustain a School District Wellness Committee, consisting of a group of individuals who represent the school and community, including parents, students, food services staff, Physical Education, school site Principal or Vice Principal, member of the school board, health professionals, and members of the public at large.</li><li>• Convene the School District Wellness Committee at least four times during the school year at hours convenient for public participation. The committee will discuss implementation, monitoring and revision of the local school wellness policy and provide policy recommendations to the Board of Education.</li><li>• Charge the School District Wellness Committee, District Superintendent and site administrators with annually ensuring that the Local School Wellness Policy is implemented, monitored and revised.</li></ul>
<b>2. Foods and Beverages Served and Sold on Campus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ensure that the foods and beverages served and sold on campus are nutritious, appealing and attractive to students.</li><li>• Ensure that the foods and beverages served and sold on campus meet, at a minimum, local, state and federal statutes and regulations, and whenever possible, exceed minimum standards.</li><li>• Increase and promote availability of drinking water as an essential component of student wellness by improving access to free, safe drinking water <b>in compliance with Senate Bill 1413 (Leno)</b></li></ul>

<p>a. School Meals (reimbursable meals)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whenever possible, if Earlimart schools qualify, offer free meals to students through Provision 2 of the National School Lunch and or Breakfast programs.</li> <li>• Whenever possible, ensure that nutritious breakfasts, lunches and snacks are offered during school, after school and during the summer months.</li> <li>• Serve food in quantities appropriate to the needs of students at their age level as guided by the California Department of Education’s Enhanced Food Menu Planning approach.</li> <li>• Increase the availability of fresh fruits and vegetables by adding a salad bar as part of the school food service program at Earlimart Middle and Earlimart Alila Elementary schools.</li> <li>• Maintain updated nutritional guidelines set by the USDA 7 CFR Parts 210 and 220, to view document see below link <a href="http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-26/pdf/2012-1010.pdf">http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-01-26/pdf/2012-1010.pdf</a></li> </ul>
<p>b. Foods and beverages sold individually (e.g., those distributed inside and outside the school meal programs through vending machines, in the cafeteria a la carte lines, fundraisers, school stores)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that foods and beverages sold individually comply with local, state and federal regulations.</li> </ul> <p><b>ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (excludes middle and high schools)</b>  ALLOWABLE FOODS: The only foods that can be sold to elementary students are full meals, exempt foods and dairy or whole grain foods that meet specific calorie, fat, saturated fat and sugar requirements (Applies ½ hour before the school day and until ½ hour after school.)</p> <p><b>EXEMPT FOODS</b>  These foods can be sold and do not have to meet calorie and fat limits; however, they cannot have added sugars or fat (check the ingredients list to ensure).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nuts</li> <li>• Nut butters (such as peanut butter)</li> <li>• Seeds (such as sunflower seeds)</li> <li>• Eggs</li> <li>• Cheese packaged for individual sale</li> <li>• Fruits and non-fried vegetables</li> <li>• Legumes</li> </ul> <p>NOTES: Food items for sale containing non-exempt foods or ingredients combined with the exempt items above must comply with the restrictions for non-exempt foods (e.g. trail mix containing chocolate chips).</p> <p>A la carte entrees cannot be sold in Elementary Schools. Outside entities (e.g. PTA) may sell a “full meal” provided it meets a USDA meal pattern.</p> <p><b>DAIRY &amp; WHOLE GRAIN FOODS</b>  Individually sold dairy or whole grain foods can be sold if they contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not more than 175 calories</li> <li>• Not more than 35% of total calories from fat</li> <li>• Not more than 10% of total calories from saturated fat</li> </ul>

- Not more than 35% of total weight from sugar (natural and added)
- No artificial trans fat (see details below)

Dairy: a food made from milk with the exception of cheese packaged for individual sale.

Whole grain:

- For purchased grain or bread products:
  - Label contains the statement: "Diets rich in whole grain foods and other plant foods and low in total fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol, may help reduced the risk of heart diseases and certain cancers" or
  - The first listed grain ingredient is a whole grain, or
  - If the first listed ingredient is not identified as a whole grain, obtain documentation from the manufacturer within previous 12 months that lists a combination of whole grains that combined represent at least 51% of the weight of the total grains.
- For bread or grain products prepared by schools:
  - The weight of the whole grains is at least 51% of the total grain weight of the product.

ALLOWABLE BEVERAGES (Applies at all times, regardless of the time of day). Beverages may not contain added sweeteners – caloric or non-caloric – with the exception of non-dairy milk alternatives (e.g., almond, rice, soy milks) for lactose sensitive or intolerant students with Doctor signed Special Meal form.

Additionally, no beverages may contain additives, including colors, flavorings, herbs, vitamins, and minerals (e.g., electrolytes), or stimulants (e.g., caffeine).

Only the following beverages are allowed:

- Water
- Non-fat or 1% cow's milk
  - Must contain vitamins A and D and at least 25% of the Daily Value for calcium per 8 fluid ounces
  - Excludes flavored milks, including chocolate, strawberry and vanilla
- Non-dairy milk alternatives
  - Must contain vitamins A and D and at least 25% of the Daily Value for calcium per 8 fluid ounces
  - Excludes flavored milks, including chocolate, strawberry and vanilla
  - No more than 5 grams of fat per 8 fluid ounces
  - No more than 12 grams of caloric sweetener per 8 fluid ounces.
  - Fruit or vegetable juice that contains at least 50% juice

**MIDDLE/JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOLS (Excludes High School)**  
 ALLOWABLE SNACKS AND ENTREES (Applies ½ hour before school day and until ½ hour after school.)

**SNACKS** (Generally regarded as supplementing a meal)

Individually sold food items must meet the following:

- Not more than 250 calories
- Not more than 35% of total calories from fat
- Not more than 10% of total calories from saturated fat
- Not more than 35% of total weight from sugar (natural and added)

**EXEMPT SNACKS:** Nuts, nut butters (such as peanut butter), seeds (such as sunflower seeds), eggs, cheese packaged for individual sale, fruits and non-fried vegetables, and legumes that do not contain added sugars or fat. All are exempt from the total fat limit; eggs and cheese are exempt from the saturated fat limit; fruit and non-fried vegetables are exempt from the sugar limit. All must meet the limit of 250 calories or less.

**NOTE:** Food items for sale containing non-exempt foods or ingredients combined with exempt items shall comply with the restrictions for non-exempted foods (e.g. trail mix containing chocolate chips).

**ENTREES** (Generally regarded as the primary food in a meal)

Entrees shall:

- Contain no more than 400 calories per item
- Contain no more than 4 grams of fat per 100 calories (36% fat)

Entrees must contain:

- 2 or more of the following groups: meat/meat alternative, grain/bread, vegetable/fruit (e.g. turkey sandwich, baked potato with chili, fruit and cheese platter) or
- A meat/meat alternative alone (e.g. sausage patty, egg, chicken nuggets) excluding nuts, nut butters, seeds, cheese, and yogurt.

To determine if an individual snack or entrée meets California's nutrition standards, check the Nutrition Facts label. Visit the on-line snack calculator at:

[www.CaliforniaProjectLEAN.org/calculator](http://www.CaliforniaProjectLEAN.org/calculator), which allows you to input information from the Nutrition Facts label to determine if the food meets the standards.

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Additionally, no beverages may contain additives, including colors, flavorings, herbs, vitamins, and minerals (e.g., electrolytes), or stimulants (e.g., caffeine).

**Water**

- Provide all students and employees with access to clean, safe, palatable drinking water free of charge at every District facility including cafeteria and eating

	<p>areas, classrooms, hallways, play yards and athletic fields, and faculty lounges throughout the school day and at before- and after-school activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Allow students to bring drinking water from home and to take water into the classroom, provided that the water is in a capped container, such as a bottle, to prevent spills</li> <li>○ Encourage all school administrators, teachers, and building staff to model drinking water</li> <li>○ Perform maintenance on all water fountains regularly and as needed</li> <li>○ Conduct periodic testing of all drinking water sources in each District facility. Make the test results available in an easily accessible format (e.g., post on District website), and deliver letters to affected students and parents</li> </ul> <p><b>HIGH SCHOOLS</b> Earlimart School District does not currently have High School programs</p>
c. Fundraising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Superintendent or designee will ensure that alternative fundraising strategies such as sales of non-food items, promotion of physical activity, and/or sales of nutritious food items that meet or exceed California Nutrition Standards and Earlimart School District food and beverage standards (see 2b) are used in school fundraisers.</li> <li>● Food Service Director and Wellness Committee will provide list of approved fundraising activities to district staff</li> </ul>
d. Vending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Vending machines must meet all Food and Beverage standards established in this Policy and be approved by the Food Service Director. (See 2b)</li> </ul>
e. Parties/Celebrations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All foods provided during parties/celebrations must be purchased through Earlimart Nutrition Services and approved by Food Service Director</li> <li>● Donations of foods by outside party (such as a pizza parlor) must meet California Nutrition Standards and Nutrition Standards set forth by Earlimart School District. Donations must be approved by Food Service Director to assure compliance</li> </ul>
f. Rewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Food, candy and beverages cannot be used as a reward for student accomplishments, including collaboration with private industry that may provide the incentive item</li> </ul>
g. School Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Any event hosted on school campuses including but not limited to: open house, parent meetings, carnivals that provide food shall meet California Nutrition Standards and Standards set forth by Earlimart School District( See 2b)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food items that do not meet or exceed California Nutrition Standards and Standards set forth by Earlimart School District (See 2b) cannot be utilized for demonstration purposes. Instead fruits and vegetables as well as nuts or dried fruits will be used. These items must be purchased through Earlimart Food Service Department</li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Physical Education (PE)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elementary schools are to meet California State Physical Education standards of 200 minutes per 10 days</li> <li>Middle Schools are to meet California State Physical Education standards of 400 minutes per 10 days</li> <li>Ensure students are offered expanded opportunity for physical activity and promote lifelong physical activity</li> <li>The physical activity program shall increase emphasis on teaching fitness and lifelong recreational aerobic activities</li> <li>Intramural sports will be played as part of the after-school enrichment program at Earlimart Elementary School</li> <li>The District and its site administrators will ensure that physical activity is not given out as punishment, the use of detentions, campus clean-up, and other non physical activity punishments will be encouraged</li> <li>The summer school program shall include Nutrition Education and Physical Education as part of its curriculum</li> <li>Nutrition education will be incorporated in the Physical Education class curriculum at all schools</li> <li>Bringing in local experts will be allowed for sports or activities not traditionally taught during Physical Education classes in the after school setting, such as local law enforcement teaching a self-defense unit, etc</li> </ul>
<p><b>4. Physical Activity</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure students are offered opportunities for lifelong physical activity</li> <li>Intramural sports will be played as part of the after-school enrichment program at Earlimart Elementary School</li> <li>The District and its site administrators will ensure that physical activity is not given out as punishment, the use of detentions, campus clean-up, and other non physical activity punishments will be encouraged</li> <li>Create/expand community partnerships to increase the range of physical activity options available to students and staff, on and off campus</li> <li>Bringing in local experts will be allowed for sports or activities not traditionally taught during physical education classes in the after school setting, such as local law enforcement teaching a self-defense unit, etc.</li> <li>Increase the amount of physical activity related enrichment classes through intramural sports</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Marketing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marketing of healthy food and beverages will be strategically placed in cafeterias promoting wellness through fruit, low-fat milk and water consumption</li> </ul>

<p><b>6. Nutrition Education</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The after-school program shall provide a section of nutrition education as part of their curriculum</li> <li>• Nutrition related posters shall be displayed in the dining areas of all three sites to encourage healthy food choices</li> <li>• The summer school program shall include Nutrition Education and Physical Education as part of it's curriculum</li> <li>• Nutrition education will be incorporated in the Physical Education class curriculum at all schools</li> <li>• Teachers will be allowed to establish a garden as part of curriculum to give students the opportunity to plant, harvest, and eat food they have grown</li> <li>• Increase knowledge of nutrition and physical activity as it relates to childhood and adult health</li> </ul>
<p><b>7. Other School-Based Activities</b></p>	
<p>a. Health Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a yearly local health fair in which, among other health related issues, nutrition and physical activity information will be given</li> <li>• Create/expand community partnerships to increase the range of physical activity options available to students and staff, on and off campus</li> </ul>
<p>b. Health Promotion for Staff</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>c. Family/Community Involvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase knowledge of nutrition and physical activity as it relates to childhood and adult health</li> <li>• Share nutrition information through the parent center and through taste-testing at school or community functions (examples: parent nights, fairs, etc)</li> <li>• Have a yearly local health fair in which, among other health related issues, nutrition and physical activity information will be given</li> </ul>
<p>d. Healthy School Environment</p>	<p>Ensure meals are served in a pleasant environment with sufficient time for eating, while fostering good manners and respect for students and staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child Nutrition Service shall work with school site leadership to improve cafeteria décor and atmosphere by adding colorful nutrition posters and/or murals to all school cafeterias</li> <li>• Child Nutrition Service shall solicit student preferences in planning menus and snacks through surveys and taste tests of new foods and recipes</li> <li>• Earlimart School District staff shall be encouraged to periodically join the students for lunch in the cafeteria in an effort to model good manners and behavior</li> <li>• Earlimart School District maintenance department will continue to develop outdoor eating areas suitable for all seasons</li> <li>• Students will be provided sufficient time to eat and socialize with classmates</li> </ul>

<p>e. After-School Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The after-school program shall provide a section of nutrition education as part of their curriculum</li> <li>• Develop after-school activities that involve physical activity such as walking clubs and increased access to sports/physical fitness equipment</li> <li>• The District will sponsor and finance a district-wide comprehensive after school sports program for grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• All food and beverages provided in after school programs must meet or exceed the California Nutrition Standards and Earlimart Nutrition Standards (see 2b)</li> </ul>
<p>f. Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Farm to School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40% of produce purchased and served will be locally grown fresh produce. Locally grown encompasses the region of Stanislaus County to Kern County</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Policy Implementation and Monitoring</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Local School Wellness Committee and its' members along with the District Superintendent and site administrators have the responsibility of monitoring and ensuring that the Local School Wellness Policy is followed by all staff and students in Earlimart School District</li> <li>• The local School Wellness Policy will be reviewed and revised on a yearly basis by the school wellness committee</li> </ul>
<p><b>9. Joint use of School Facilities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Middle School gates must remain open at designated Joint use time periods.</li> <li>• Maintain lease contracts with the Tulare County WIC program and the Tulare Medical Center to allow for the ongoing operation of public health clinics on school property.</li> <li>• Provide access to the Middle School athletic field before and after school hours 7 days per week, by leaving the gates open and the lights turned on (when necessary) to provide physical activity opportunities for unaffiliated Earlimart residents.</li> <li>• Preserve the designated 4 ½ acres of the Elementary School property bounded by Elm and School Streets for development of a joint use park for partial, exclusive use by students during the school day and daily use otherwise from dawn to dusk by Earlimart residents.</li> <li>• Consider all feasible proposals for the potential joint use of school property and other assets e.g. open green space, community garden meeting, meeting room and parking space, buses, and school kitchen facilities.</li> <li>• Develop a community guide and criteria for Joint Use of ESD property and other assets.</li> </ul>

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