

**ROLLINGSTONE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
POLICY 515
WELLNESS POLICY**

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set forth methods that promote student wellness, prevent and reduce childhood obesity, and assure that school meals and other food and beverages sold and otherwise made available on the school campus during the school day are consistent with applicable minimum local, state, and federal standards.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. The school board recognizes that nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness are essential components of the educational process and that good health fosters student attendance and learning.
- B. The school environment should promote students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.
- C. Rollingstone Community School encourages the involvement of parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of Rollingstone Community School's wellness policy.
- D. Children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive.
- E. All students in grades K-5 will have opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis.
- F. Qualified food service personnel will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students; try to accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning; and will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.

III. WELLNESS GOALS

- A. Nutrition Promotion and Education
 - 1. Rollingstone Community School will encourage and support healthy eating by students and engage in nutrition promotion that is offered as part of a comprehensive program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health.
- B. Physical Activity
 - 1. Students need opportunities for physical activity and to fully embrace regular physical activity as a personal behavior. Toward that end, health and physical education will reinforce the knowledge and self-management

- skills needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle and reduce sedentary activities, such as watching television;
2. Opportunities for physical activity will be incorporated into other subject lessons, where appropriate; and
 3. Classroom teachers will provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes, as appropriate.
- C. Communications with Parents
1. Rollingstone Community School recognizes that parents and guardians have a primary role in promoting their children's health and well-being.
 2. Rollingstone Community School will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.
 3. Rollingstone Community School encourages parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and refrain from including beverages and foods without nutritional value.
 4. Rollingstone Community School will provide information about physical education and other school-based physical activity opportunities and will support parents' efforts to provide their children with opportunities to be physically active outside of school.

IV. STANDARDS AND NUTRITION GUIDELINES

A. School Meals

1. Rollingstone Community School will provide healthy and safe school meal programs that comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.
2. Food service personnel will provide students with access to a variety of affordable, nutritious, and appealing foods that meet the health and nutrition needs of students.
3. Food service personnel will try to accommodate the religious, ethnic, and cultural diversity of the student body in meal planning.
4. Food service personnel will provide clean, safe, and pleasant settings and adequate time for students to eat.
5. Food service personnel will take every measure to ensure that student access to foods and beverages meets or exceeds all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations and that reimbursable school meals meet USDA nutrition standards.
6. Food service personnel shall adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local food safety and security guidelines.
7. Rollingstone Community School will make every effort to eliminate any social stigma attached to, and prevent the overt identification of, students who are eligible for free and reduced-price school meals.
8. Rollingstone Community School will provide students access to hand washing or hand sanitizing before they eat meals or snacks.
9. Rollingstone Community School will make every effort to provide students with sufficient time to eat after sitting down for school meals and will schedule meal periods at appropriate times during the school day.

B. School Food Service Program/Personnel

1. Rollingstone Community School shall designate an appropriate person to be responsible for Rollingstone Community School's food service program, whose duties shall include the creation of nutrition guidelines and procedures for the selection of foods and beverages made available on campus to ensure food and beverage choices are consistent with current USDA guidelines.
2. As part of Rollingstone Community School's responsibility to operate a food service program, Rollingstone Community School will provide continuing professional development for all food service personnel in schools.

C. Other Foods and Beverages Made Available to Students

1. Student wellness will be a consideration for all foods offered, but not sold, to students on the school campus, including those foods provided through:
 - a) Celebrations and parties. Rollingstone Community School will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas.
 - b) Classroom snacks brought by parents. Rollingstone Community School will provide to parents a list of suggested foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards.
2. Rewards and incentives. Schools will not use foods or beverages as rewards for academic performance or good behavior (unless this practice is allowed by a student's individual education plan or behavior intervention plan) and will not withhold food or beverages as punishment.
3. Fundraising. Rollingstone Community School will make available to parents and teachers a list of suggested healthy fundraising ideas.

D. Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools

1. School-based marketing will be consistent with nutrition education and health promotion.
2. Schools will restrict food and beverages marketing to the promotion of only those foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks nutrition standards.

V. WELLNESS LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

A. Wellness Coordinator

1. The Lead Teacher will serve as the Wellness Coordinator and oversee Rollingstone Community School's wellness-related activities. The Wellness Coordinator will ensure implementation of the policy.
2. The Lead Teacher will ensure compliance within the school and will report to the School Board regarding compliance matters upon request.

B. Public Involvement

1. The Wellness Coordinator will permit parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy.

2. The Wellness Coordinator will hold meetings, from time to time, for the purpose of discussing the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy. All meeting dates and times will be posted on Rollingstone Community School’s website and will be open to the public.

VI. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

A. Implementation and Publication

1. After approval by the school board, the wellness policy will be implemented throughout Rollingstone Community School.
2. Rollingstone Community School will post its wellness policy on its website, to the extent it maintains a website.

B. Annual Reporting

The Wellness Coordinator will annually inform the public about the content and implementation of the wellness policy and make the policy and any updates to the policy available to the public.

C. Triennial Assessment

1. At least once every three years, Rollingstone Community School will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and create a report that includes the following information:
 - a) the extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of Rollingstone Community School are in compliance with the wellness policy;
 - b) the extent to which Rollingstone Community School’s wellness policy compares to model local wellness policies; and
 - c) a description of the progress made in attaining the goals of Rollingstone Community School’s wellness policy.
2. The Wellness Coordinator will be responsible for conducting the triennial assessment.
3. The triennial assessment report shall be posted on Rollingstone Community School’s website or otherwise made available to the public.

D. Recordkeeping

Rollingstone Community School will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy. The records to be retained include, but are not limited to:

1. Rollingstone Community School’s written wellness policy.
2. Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the local school wellness policy and triennial assessments available to the public.
3. Documentation of the triennial assessment under Rollingstone Community School’s jurisdiction efforts to review and update the wellness policy (including an indication of who is involved in the update and methods Rollingstone Community School uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate on the Wellness Committee).

Legal References:

Minn. Stat. § 121A.215 (Local School District Wellness Policy)

42 U.S.C. § 1751 *et seq.* (Healthy and Hunger-Free Kids Act)

42 U.S.C. § 1758b (Local School Wellness Policy)

42 U.S.C. § 1771 *et seq.* (Child Nutrition Act of 1966)

7 U.S.C. § 5341 (Establishment of Dietary Guidelines)

7 C.F.R. § 210.10 (School Lunch Program Regulations)

7 C.F.R. § 220.8 (School Breakfast Program Regulations)

Local Resources:

Minnesota Department of Education, www.education.state.mn.us

Minnesota Department of Health, www.health.state.mn.us

County Health Departments

Action for Healthy Kids Minnesota, www.actionforhealthykids.org

United States Department of Agriculture, www.fns.usda.gov