



## **Sheffield Academy**

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# **Wellness Policy**

## Introduction

Sheffield Academy recognizes the importance of student health through nutritious eating habits and physical activity and knowledge about such. Research suggests that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and the ability to learn. Sheffield Academy shall promote and support student health and wellness and create a positive, safe, and health-promoting learning environment to help all students achieve personal, academic, developmental, and social success.

The following policy outline's the school's procedures and establishes goals to ensure a healthy environment is obtained. The Wellness policy will be reviewed and updated at least every three years.

## Wellness Committee

Sheffield Academy will form a committee to further the goals listed in this policy. The committee may include, parents and caregivers, students, representatives of the school nutrition program, physical education teachers, health education teachers, school health professionals, social service staff, administrators, board members, health professionals or any other interested stakeholder that is aligned with the goals of the policy. The committee shall meet a minimum of four times per year.

## Implementation and evaluation

Sheffield Academy shall develop, implement, monitor, review, and, as necessary, revise school nutrition and physical activity policies to promote student wellness.

Sheffield Academy Leader will ensure implementation and compliance with established nutrition and physical activity wellness policies.

Sheffield Academy Leader shall ensure that the policy is posted on the school website and distributed to families upon initial enrollment at the school.

Sheffield Academy Leader shall publish a revisions or updates to the policy.

## Nutritional goals

Where applicable, nutrition education shall be a part of health and physical education classes and integrated into other subject areas when connections to the curriculum can be developed.

Sheffield Academy is committed to serving healthy meals with fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat milk and to meet the caloric requirements for each student's needs. Sheffield Academy meals will aim to improve the diet and health of the students and model proper choices to support lifelong healthy eating habits.

The school will participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and any other applicable federal child nutrition programs that ensure the following:

- Accessible to all students
- Appealing and attractive to children
- Served in clean and pleasant setting
- Meet or exceed USDA nutrition standards
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices

Sheffield Academy shall ensure that drinking water is available throughout the day to students. If any foods or beverages are sold during the school day, the school shall ensure that the foods meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

#### Staff Qualifications and Professional Development

All school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

<http://professionalstandards.nal.usda.gov/>

#### Physical Activity goals

Sheffield Academy shall comply with the requirements of Physical Education with regard to its provisions to students and the qualifications of educators.

Sheffield Academy shall provide students with opportunities, support, and encouragement to be physically active on a regular basis. Where advisable, physical activity and movement shall be integrated across the curriculum and throughout the school day to promote exercise awareness.

Sheffield Academy shall encourage parents and families to provide physical activity outside the regular school day such as outdoor play, recreation sponsored activities, or lifelong activities.

#### Other Activities

Sheffield Academy shall meet the requirements of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, the National School Lunch Act, the Child Nutrition Act, the Healthy, Hungry-Free Kids Act of 2010 and any other applicable state or federal law or regulation.

Sheffield Academy Leader will, as deemed advisable, engage students, parents, teachers, food service professionals, health professionals, and other interested community members in developing and implementing nutrition and physical activity policies.