

Graystone Academy Charter School

Board of Trustees Policy

Wellness Policy on Physical Activity

The Board of Trustees of the Graystone Academy Charter School, in combination with students, parents, administrators, faculty and staff, is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating habits and physical activity. As a means to fostering such a school environment, the Board of Trustees of Graystone Academy Charter School sets forth the following goals and adopts the following Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition.

School Health Council

- The Charter School shall create a School Health Council consisting of individuals representing the community, including, but not limited to parents, students, administrators, members of the Board of Trustees, representatives of the school food authority, and other members of the public. The School Health Council will be charged with assisting in the development, implementation, monitoring and reviewing of nutrition and physical activity goals for the school community.
- The School Health Council will assist in evaluating the implementation of the Wellness Policy on Physical Activity and Nutrition as measured and informed by data collection and analysis. This evaluation will be conducted, at minimum, biennially.

School Meals

- All meals served to Charter School students through the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs will meet or exceed the minimum nutrition requirements established by local, state and federal law, and to the extent practical, Dietary Guidelines published by the federal government or an appropriate governmental agency. Similarly, any foods and/or beverages sold from vending machines, through snack lines, at student stores, celebrations, athletic events, any school-sponsored or school-related event, or for the purpose of fundraising during the school day will comply with PDE Nutritional Standards for competitive food.
- The Charter School will make efforts to eliminate the social stigma attached to, and to prevent the identification of, students who are eligible for free and/or reduced price school meals.
- The Charter School will schedule meal periods at reasonable appropriate times, and will provide students with a minimum of twenty (20) minutes to enjoy their meals. In addition, the Charter School will discourage the scheduling of meetings or activities during meal times, including, but not limited to, tutoring, club meetings, and/or

organizational meetings, unless the students will be permitted to eat during those meetings or activities.

- The Charter School will not use foods or beverages for the purpose of rewarding students for academic achievement or good behavior, unless such a reward system is specifically identified in a student's Individualized Education Program. Likewise, the Charter School will not restrict or withhold foods or beverages for the purpose of disciplining or punishing students.
- No food of limited nutritional value, as defined by federal or state law will be offered to students, faculty or staff during school hours, or at school-sponsored or school-related activities or events.

Nutrition Education

- Nutrition education will be integrated into other areas of the curriculum, such as math, science, language arts and social studies at all grade levels.
- Nutritional education will be developmentally appropriate, interactive, and will teach skills needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors.
- Nutrition education materials will be reviewed by a qualified and credentialed nutrition professional, including, but not limited to, a School Food Nutrition Specialist or Registered Dietitian.
- Faculty and staff that teach nutrition education will have appropriate training.
- Informational materials will be provided to students and families to encourage sharing of health and nutrition information, and to encourage healthy eating in the home.
- Any marketing of foods and/or beverages undertaken by the Charter School will be consistent with established guidelines and/or standards.

Physical Activity

- Physical activity will be integrated across curricula with activities that are safe, enjoyable and developmentally appropriate for all students in all grades.
- All students will be given opportunities before, after, and throughout the school day for physical activity through physical education, recess periods and integration of physical activity into the curriculum.
- Faculty and staff will be appropriately trained in integrating physical activity into the various curricular areas.

- Students will be encouraged to participate in physical activities outside of the school environment, in both competitive and non-competitive environments.
- Organized physical activity will be offered and encouraged at school-sponsored or school-related events.
- To the extent practicable, Charter School facilities will be made available to students, faculty, staff and the community for the purpose of offering physical activity and/or nutrition programs.
- Physical activity will not be used or withheld as punishment.

TO THE EXTENT THAT ANYTHING IN THIS POLICY COULD BE CONSTRUED TO CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS, THE APPLICABLE STATE AND/OR FEDERAL LAWS CONTROL.

ADOPTED this day _____ of _____, 2006

President

Secretary