

## Riverview Charter School Wellness Policy

Riverview Charter School (hereto referred to as RCS) is committed to the optimal development of every student. RCS believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental, and social success, we need to create positive, safe, and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year.

Research shows that two components, good nutrition and physical activity before, during, and after the

school day, are strongly correlated with positive student outcomes. For example, student participation in

the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program is associated with higher grades

and standardized test scores, lower absenteeism, and better performance on cognitive

tasks.<sup>[i],[ii],[iii],[iv],[v],[vi],[vii]</sup> Conversely, less-than-adequate consumption of specific foods including fruits,

vegetables, and dairy products, is associated with lower grades among students.<sup>[viii],[ix],[x]</sup> In addition,

students who are physically active through active transport to and from school, recess, physical activity

breaks, high-quality physical education, and extracurricular activities – do better academically.<sup>[xi]</sup>

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This policy outlines the school's approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. Specifically, this policy establishes goals and procedures to ensure that:

- Students at RCS have access to healthy foods throughout the school day—both through reimbursable school meals and other foods available throughout the school campus—in accordance with Federal and state nutrition standards;

- • Students receive quality nutrition education that helps them develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors;
- • Students have opportunities to be physically active before, during, and after school;
- • Schools engage in nutrition and physical activity promotion and other activities that promote

student wellness;

- • School staff are encouraged and supported to practice healthy nutrition and physical activity

behaviors in and out of school;

- • The community is engaged in supporting the work of RCS in creating continuity between school

and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits; and

- • RCS establishes and maintains an infrastructure for management, oversight, implementation,

communication about, and monitoring of the policy and its established goals and objectives. This policy applies to all students and staff.

## **School Wellness Committee?**

### ***Committee Role and Membership***

RCS will convene a representative School Wellness Committee (hereto referred to as the SWC or work within an existing school health committee) that meets annually to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation, and periodic review and update of this school wellness policy (heretofore referred as “wellness policy”).

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The SWC membership will represent all school levels (elementary and secondary schools) and include (to the extent possible), but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program (ex., school nutrition director); physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals (ex., health education teachers, school health services staff [i.e., nurses, physicians, dentists, health educators, and other allied health personnel who provide school health services], and mental health and social services staff [i.e., school counselors, psychologists, social workers, or psychiatrists]; school administrators (ex., superintendent, principal, vice principal), school board members; health professionals (ex., dietitians, doctors, nurses, dentists); and the general public. To the extent possible, the SWC will include representatives which reflect the diversity of the community.

## ***Leadership***

The school's Director and Executive Chef will convene the SWC and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy, and will ensure the school's compliance with the policy.

Each school will designate a school wellness policy coordinator, who will ensure compliance with the policy. Refer to Appendix A for a list of school level wellness policy coordinators.

## **Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability, & Community Engagement**

### ***Implementation Plan***

RCS will develop and maintain a plan for implementation to manage and coordinate the execution of this wellness policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions, and timelines specific to each school, and includes information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where, and when, as well as specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. It is recommended that the school use the [Healthy Schools Program online tools](#) to complete a school level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation, and generate an annual progress report.

This wellness policy and the progress reports can be found at: [www.riverviewcharterschool.org](http://www.riverviewcharterschool.org)

### ***Recordkeeping***

The school will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at Riverview Charter School 81 Savannah Hwy Beaufort, SC 29906 in the Executive Chef's office. Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- • The written wellness policy;
- • Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements,

including (1) Efforts to actively solicit SWC membership from the required stakeholder groups; and (2) These groups' participation in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy;

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- • Documentation of annual policy progress reports for each school under its jurisdiction; and
- • Documentation of the triennial assessment\* of the policy for each school under its jurisdiction;
- • Documentation demonstrating compliance with public notification requirements, including: (1)

Methods by which the wellness policy, annual progress reports, and triennial assessments are made available to the public; and (2) Efforts to actively notify families about the availability of wellness policy.

### ***Annual Progress Reports***

RCS will compile and publish an annual report to share basic information about the wellness policy and report on the progress of the schools in meeting wellness goals. This annual report will be published around the same time each year and will include information from the school. This report will include, but is not limited to:

- • The website address for the wellness policy and/or how the public can receive/access a copy of the wellness policy;
- • A description of each school's progress in meeting the wellness policy goals;
- • A summary of each school's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation;
- • The name, position title, and contact information of the designated policy leader(s) identified in

Section I; and

- • Information on how individuals and the public can get involved with the SWC.

The annual report will be available in English.

The school will actively notify households/families of the availability of the annual report.

The SWC, will establish and monitor goals and objectives for the school, specific and appropriate for each instructional unit (elementary or secondary OR elementary, middle, and high school, as appropriate), for each of the content-specific components listed in Sections III-V of this policy.

### ***Triennial Progress Assessments***

At least once every three years, RCS will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- • The extent to which school is in compliance with the wellness policy;
- • The extent to which the school's wellness policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier

Generation's model wellness policy; and

- • A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the school's wellness policy.

The position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and contact information is Lisa Melton, Executive Chef at Riverview Charter School 81 Savannah Hwy

Beaufort, SC 29906. The Executive Chef, in collaboration with the school's Director, will monitor schools' compliance with this wellness policy. RCS will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

### ***Revisions and Updating the Policy***

The Riverview Board will update or modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual progress reports and triennial assessments, and/or as school priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new

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Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. **The wellness policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.**

### ***Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications***

RCS is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. RCS will actively communicate ways in which representatives of SWC and others can participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for RCS. The school will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. RCS will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on the school's website, as well as non-electronic mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. RCS will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that the school is communicating other important school information with parents.

RCS will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. RCS will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

## **Nutrition**

### ***School Meals***

Our school is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meet the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model

healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns, and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

RCS participates in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and after-school Snack Program. RCS is committed to offering school meals through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- • Are accessible to all students;
- • Are appealing and attractive to children;
- • Are served in clean and pleasant settings;
- • Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes

and regulations. (RCS offers reimbursable school meals that meet [USDA nutrition standards](#).)

- • Promote healthy food and beverage choices using at least ten of the following [Smarter](#)

[Lunchroom techniques](#):

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- • Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets (instead of chaffing dishes or hotel pans)
- • Sliced or cut fruit is available daily
- • Daily fruit options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students
- • Daily vegetable options are bundled into all grab and go meals available to students
- • All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to

select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal

- • White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers
- • A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students (e.g., salad bars,

snack rooms, etc.)

- • Student surveys and taste testing opportunities are used to inform menu development, dining

space decor, and promotional ideas

### ***Staff Qualifications and Professional Development***

The Executive Chef and kitchen 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.

### ***Water***

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day\* and throughout every school campus\* ("school campus" and "school day" are defined in the glossary). RCS will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes. In addition, students will be allowed to bring and carry (approved) water bottles filled with only water with them throughout the day.

### ***Competitive Foods and Beverages***

RCS is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (i.e., "competitive" foods and beverages) will meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, at a minimum. Smart Snacks aim to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day, and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. A summary of the standards and information are available at: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools-smart-snacks>. The Alliance for a Healthier Generation provides a set of tools to assist with implementation of Smart Snacks available at [www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks](http://www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks).

To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold to students on the school campus during the school day\* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, a la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, and snack or food carts.

### ***Celebrations and Rewards***

All foods offered on the school campus will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, including through:

- Celebrations and parties. The school will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas. Healthy party ideas from the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#) and from the [USDA](#).

- • Classroom snacks brought by parents. The school will provide to parents a [list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks](#) nutrition standards; and
- • Rewards and incentives. The school will provide teachers and other relevant school staff a [list of alternative ways to reward children](#). Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

### **Fundraising**

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus\* during the school day\*. The school will make available to parents and teachers a list of healthy fundraising ideas such as the *from the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#) and the [USDA](#)*].

- • *Schools will use only non-food fundraisers, and encourage those promoting physical activity (such as walk-a-thons, jump rope for heart, fun runs, etc.).*
- • *Fundraising during and outside school hours will sell only non-food items or foods and beverages that meet or exceed the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. This may include but is not limited to, donation nights at restaurants, cookie dough, candy and pizza sales, market days, etc. (Meets HSP Gold)]*
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### **Nutrition Promotion**

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout schools, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most effective when implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff and teachers, parents, students, and the community.

RCS will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs. This promotion will occur through at least:

- • Implementing evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs using [Smarter Lunchroom techniques](#); and
- • Promoting foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additional possible promotion techniques that the school may use are available at [www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks](http://www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks).

### **Nutrition Education**



RCS aims to teach, model, encourage, and support healthy eating by students. Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

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- • Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- • Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects;
- • Include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, and participatory activities,

such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits, and school

gardens;

- • Promote fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, and

healthy food preparation methods;

- • Emphasize caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical

activity/exercise);

- • Link with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, Farm to

School programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services;

- • Teach media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and
- • Include nutrition education training for teachers and other staff. •

### ***Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education***

RCS will work to include the following essential topics on healthy eating in its health education curriculum:

- • The relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention
- • Food guidance from [MyPlate](#)
- • Reading and using USDA's food labels
- • Eating a variety of foods every day
- • Balancing food intake and physical activity
- • Eating more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain products

- • Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat
- • Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars
- • Eating more calcium-rich foods
- • Preparing healthy meals and snacks
- • Risks of unhealthy weight control practices
- • Accepting body size differences
- • Food safety
- • Importance of water consumption
- • Importance of eating breakfast
- • Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants
- • Eating disorders
- • The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- • Reducing sodium intake
- • Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers, and culture
- • How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior
- • How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully
- • Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior

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- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior

[USDA's Team Nutrition](#) provides free nutrition education and promotion materials, including standards-based nutrition education curricula and lesson plans, posters, interactive games, menu graphics, and more.

### ***Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools***

RCS is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. The school strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health, and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on school property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information the school is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of the school to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the school campus, consistent with the school's wellness policy.

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.

Food advertising and marketing is defined[xv] as an oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller, or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product. This term includes, but is not limited to the following:

- • Brand names, trademarks, logos or tags, except when placed on a physically present food or beverage product or its container.
- • Displays, such as on vending machine exteriors.
- • Corporate brand, logo, name, or trademark on school equipment, such as marquees, message

boards, scoreboards, or backboards

- • Corporate brand, logo, name, or trademark on cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards,

coolers, trash cans, and other food service equipment; as well as on posters, book covers, pupil

assignment books, or school supplies displayed, distributed, offered, or sold by the school.

- • Advertisements in school publications or school mailings.
- • Free product samples, taste tests, or coupons of a product, or free samples displaying advertising

of a product.

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## Physical Activity

Children and adolescents should participate in 60 minutes of physical activity every day. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive, school-based physical activity program (CSPAP) that includes these components: physical education, recess, classroom-based physical activity, walk and bicycle to school, and out-of-school time activities and the district is committed to providing these opportunities. Schools will ensure that these varied opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). All schools are encouraged to participate in *Let's Move!* Active Schools ([www.letsmoveschools.org](http://www.letsmoveschools.org)) in order to successfully address all CSPAP areas.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, physical activity breaks, or physical education) **will not be withheld** as punishment for any reason (*This does not include participation on sports teams that have specific academic requirements*). The school will provide teachers and other school staff with a [list of ideas](#) for alternative ways to discipline students.

To the extent practicable, RCS will ensure that its grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to students to be active. RCS will conduct necessary inspections and repairs.

## ***Physical Education***

RCS will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and state standards for physical education. The physical education curriculum will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and will help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits, as well as incorporate essential health education concepts (discussed in the “*Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education*” subsection).

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. RCS will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

RCS **elementary students** in each grade will receive physical activity for at least 60-89 minutes per week throughout the school year.

RCS **secondary students** (middle school) are required to take the equivalent of one academic year of physical education.

The RCS physical education program will promote student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via the [Presidential Youth Fitness Program](#) or other appropriate assessment tool) and will use criterion-based reporting for each student.

## ***Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education***

RCS will work to include the following essential topics on physical activity in its health curriculum:

- ● The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity
- ● How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight
- ● How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process
- ● How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease
- ● Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular

strength, flexibility, and body composition

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- ● Differences between physical activity, exercise, and fitness
- ● Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout, and cool down
- ● Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- ● Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching

§ Opportunities for physical activity in the community

§ Preventing injury during physical activity

§ Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia, and sunburn while being physically active

- § How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time, and type of physical activity
- § Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan
- § Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan
- § Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids
- § Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers, and culture
- § How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness
- § How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity
- § How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity

### ***Recess (Elementary)***

Riverview will offer at least **20 minutes of recess** on all or most days during the school year. If recess is offered before lunch, schools will have appropriate hand-washing facilities and/or hand-sanitizing mechanisms located just inside/outside the cafeteria to ensure proper hygiene prior to eating and students are required to use these mechanisms before eating. Hand-washing time, as well as time to put away coats/hats/gloves, will be built into the recess transition period/time frame before students enter the cafeteria.

**Outdoor recess** will be offered when weather is feasible for outdoor play. In the event that the school or district must conduct **indoor recess**, teachers and staff will work to follow the indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students, to the extent practicable. Recess will complement, not substitute, physical education class. Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active, and will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Physical Activity Breaks (Elementary and Secondary)***

RCS recognizes that students are more attentive and ready to learn if provided with periodic breaks when they can be physically active or stretch. Thus, students will be offered **periodic opportunities** to be active or to stretch throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The school recommends teachers provide short (3-5 minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

RCS will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for physical activity breaks. Resources and ideas are available through [USDA](#) and the [Alliance for a Healthier Generation](#).

### ***Active Academics***

Teachers will work to incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into “core” subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies, and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

RCS will support classroom teachers incorporating physical activity and employing kinesthetic learning approaches into core subjects by providing access to annual professional development opportunities and resources, including information on leading activities, activity options, as well as making available background material on the connections between learning and movement.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Before and After School Activities***

RCS offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity either before and/or after the school day (or both) through a variety of methods. The school will encourage students to be physically active before and after school by offering extra-curricular athletic opportunities to middle school students, and physically active Tidewatch programs each trimester.

### ***Active Transport***

RCS will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The school will encourage this behavior by engaging in *six or more* of the activities below; including but not limited to:

- • Promotional activities such as participation in International Walk to School Week, National Walk and Bike to School Week
- • A bicycle rack for secure bike storage
- • Crosswalks exist on streets leading to schools
- • Documentation of number of children walking and or biking to and from school
- • Creation and distribution of maps of school environments (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, roads,

pathways, bike racks, etc.)

### **Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness**

RCS will work to integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues, and physical activity facilities. The school will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition, and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development, and strong educational outcomes.

RCS is encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in mathematics, with consultation provided by either the school's curriculum experts.

All efforts related to obtaining federal, state, or association recognition for efforts, or grants/funding opportunities for healthy school environments will be coordinated with

and complementary of the wellness policy, including but not limited to ensuring the involvement of the SWC.

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All school-sponsored events will adhere to the wellness policy. All school-sponsored wellness events will include physical activity opportunities.

### ***Community Partnerships***

RCS will continue to develop relationships with community partners (i.e. hospitals, universities/colleges, local businesses, etc.) in support of this wellness policy's implementation. Existing and new community partnerships and sponsorships will be evaluated to ensure that they are consistent with the wellness policy and its goals.

### ***Community Health Promotion and Engagement***

RCS will promote to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community the benefits of and approaches for healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school year. Families will be informed and invited to participate in school-sponsored activities and will receive information about health promotion efforts.

As described in the "Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications" subsection, the school will use electronic mechanisms (such as email or displaying notices on the school's website), as well as non-electronic mechanisms, (such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents), to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.

### ***Staff Wellness and Health Promotion***

The SWC will have a staff wellness subcommittee that focuses on staff wellness issues, identifies and disseminates wellness resources, and performs other functions that support staff wellness in coordination with human resources staff.

The school will work to implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors.

### ***Professional Learning***

When feasible, the school will offer access to annual professional learning opportunities and resources for staff to increase knowledge and skills about promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school (e.g., increasing the use of kinesthetic teaching approaches or incorporating nutrition lessons into math class). Professional learning will help school staff understand the connections between academics and health and the ways in which health and wellness are integrated into ongoing district reform or academic improvement plans/efforts.

*Glossary:*

**Extended School Day** - time during before and after school activities that includes clubs, intramural sports, band and choir practice, drama rehearsals, etc.

**School Campus** - areas that are owned or leased by the school and used at any time for school-related activities such as the school building or on the school campus, including on the outside of the school

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building, school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, athletic fields, and stadiums (e.g. on scoreboards, coolers, cups, and water bottles), or parking lots.

**School Day** - midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the end of the instructional day.

**Triennial** – recurring every three years.

#### Appendix A: School Level Contacts

Name	Title	Email address	Role
Lisa Melton	Executive Chef	lmelton@riverviewcharterschool.org	Wellness Policy Coordinator School Nutrition Representative
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## Recommended snacks and lunch items

### **Brain Boosters:**

- • Sunbutter/Soybutter (please no peanuts or products)
- • Apples
- • Bananas
- • Oranges
- • Kiwi
- • Melon/Cantaloupe
- • Blueberries
- • Strawberries
- • Carrots
- • Celery (ants on a log)
- • Cauliflower
- • Broccoli
- • Raisins and Craisins
- • Trail Mix (no peanuts)
- • Granola Bars (no peanuts)
- • Yogurt
- • Cheese Stick
- • Tortilla Chips w/ Salsa, guacamole, or bean dip
- • Whole Grain Crackers or Baked Chips
- • Air Popped Popcorn
- • Natural Turkey
- • Natural Ham
- • 100% Juices

### **Brain Busters:**

- • Cookies
- • Pastries
- • Chocolate
- • Chips
- • Hot Dogs
- • Fast Food
- • Soda

- Non 100% Juice

## **Suggestions for Healthy (non-food) Classroom Celebrations and Rewards**

### **Group/Class Rewards**

- • Extra recess time
- • Pick different seats to sit in for a day
- • Teacher wearing a silly outfit or hat (let the class decide...one reader even said a teacher wore

her wedding dress to school!!)

- • Afternoon movie (as an individual reward one student could be allowed to select and bring in

the movie for the class)

- • Lunch in the classroom
- • Dress up days...let the class vote!

Pajama day (can also incorporate sleeping bags/blankets)

- • Crazy hair day
- • Backward day (wear clothes backward and even follow the class schedule backward!)
- • Camp out day (kids bring sleeping bags and teacher brings a tent)
- • Crazy hat day
- • An art or craft party
- • A game the class plays together (like bingo or kickball)
- • Plant some flowers or plants together at the school
- • Paint birdhouses together to put up at the school
- • Dance party with music

### **Individual Rewards**

- • Lunch or recess time with the Director or favorite teacher/staff • guest reader to read to the class
- • Sit with a friend from another class at lunch
- • Gift certificate to the book fair
- • Sit in the teacher's chair or at their desk for the day
- • Sit next to a friend instead of in your own seat for the day
- • Be the "special helper" for the day (running errands to the office, line leader, etc.)
- • Student asked to actually read the morning announcements
- • Choose the story for story time
- • "Stinky feet" which means you get to take your shoes off in class

- • Give out “play money” to students that they can spend in a class-wide auction later in the year

(auction items can include games, books, etc. and be donated by parents)

- • A “no uniform for the day” pass (approval needed)

### **Birthday Celebrations**

- Class makes fruit smoothies together arranged through Executive Chef (advance notice) 89

- • Small goodie bags with stickers/activities given out to classmates
- • Each student is given supplies to make small craft together
- • Birthday card(s) made by the other students
- • Popcorn birthday parties (popcorn is a whole-grain food) served in “popcorn cones” that the kids

make themselves out of paper arranged through Executive Chef with school’s popcorn machine

(advance notice)

- • New book donated to class library by birthday student with their parent as the guest reader