

Wellness Program

The Pickens County Board of Education recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects student wellness, proper nutrition, nutrition education, and regular physical activity as part of the total learning experience. In a healthy school environment, students will learn about and participate in positive dietary and lifestyle practices that can improve student achievement.

To the extent practicable, all schools in the district shall participate in available federal school meal programs. All foods and beverages made available on campus during the school day shall be consistent with the requirements of federal and state law. Guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the U.S. Secretary pursuant to the Child Nutrition Act and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as those regulations and guidance apply to schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall convene a wellness policy committee consisting of school system and community representatives from areas designated in federal law to develop such regulations as may be needed to address all state and federally required wellness components. The school district will inform the public about the content of school wellness policies and the schools' progress in meeting those goals through appropriate media, including posting such information on the district's website.