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Student Wellness Policy

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The South Haven Public School is committed to creating a healthy school environment that enhances the development of lifelong wellness practices to promote healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement and hereby adopts this Student Wellness Policy. (1)

Nutrition Education

Every year, all students, K-9 (grades 10-12 will be presented with other opportunities) shall receive nutrition education that is aligned with the *Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.(2) Nutrition education that teaches the knowledge, skills, and values needed to adopt healthy eating behaviors shall be integrated into the curriculum. Nutrition education information shall be offered throughout the school campus including, but not limited to, school dining areas and classrooms. Staff members who provide nutrition education shall have the appropriate training.

Nutrition Standards

The South Haven School District shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations.(3) The South Haven School District shall encourage students to make nutritious food choices.

The South Haven School District shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs. The South Haven School District shall consider nutrient density. (4)

1 (MASB Note: This local Student Wellness Policy, was adopted, unanimously, by the Michigan State Board of Education on Monday, October 10, 2005. It is the product of a collaborative effort between the Michigan Department of Education and MASB as reviewed and finalized by a panel of health, nutrition, and physical education specialists from across the State. It is a MODEL, and is not MANDATED, so local districts are free to modify it some based on local needs and circumstances – particularly the administrative rules. We urge, however, that local boards give serious consideration to adoption of the POLICY itself as it is written, and allow, then, the administration to modify the administrative rules to meet local needs and expectations.)

2 Michigan Department of Education Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health_Standards_15052_6.pdf.

3 Title 7 - United States Department of Agriculture, Chapter ii – Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, Part 210 – National School Lunch Program.
http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr210_04.html

4 Nutrient dense foods are those that provide substantial amounts of vitamins and minerals and relatively fewer calories. Foods that are low in nutrient density are foods that supply calories but relatively small amounts of micronutrients (sometimes not at all).

http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/report/HTML/GI_Glossary.htm

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The Superintendent shall continually evaluate vending policies and contracts. Vending contracts that do not meet the intent and purpose of this policy shall be modified accordingly or not renewed.

Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities

The South Haven School District shall offer physical education opportunities that include components of a quality physical education program.⁽⁵⁾ Physical education shall equip students with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary for lifelong physical activity. Physical education instruction shall be aligned with the *Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.⁽⁶⁾ Every attempt will be made to preserve the current rotation of 40 minutes every 6 days.

Every year all students, Pre-K-12, shall have the opportunity to participate regularly in supervised physical activities, either organized or unstructured, intended to maintain physical fitness and to understand the short- and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student-Wellness

The South Haven School District may implement other appropriate programs that help create a school environment that conveys consistent wellness messages and is conducive to healthy eating and physical activity.

Implementation and Measurement

The Superintendent shall implement this policy and measure how well it is being managed, and enforced. The Superintendent shall develop and implement administrative rules consistent with this policy. Input from teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), school nurses, parent/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, the Board of Education, school administrators, and the public shall be considered before implementing such rules. A sustained effort is necessary to implement and enforce this policy. The Superintendent

⁵ Offering physical activity opportunities is required by federal law (Section 204 of Public Law 108-265). Physical education, while recommended, is not required.

⁶ Michigan Department of Education Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998.
http://222.michigan.gov/documents/Physical_Education_Content_Standards_422427.pdf

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shall report to the Board, as requested, on the District's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

Approved: June 21, 2006

MASB Recommended and Approved by the Michigan State Board of
Education

LEGAL REF: Section 204 of Public Law 108-265 (Child Nutrition and WIC
Reauthorization Act of 2004) (Approved by the Michigan State Board of
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In order to enact and enforce the South Haven Public School's Wellness Policy, the Superintendent and administrative team, with input from teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, the school board, school administrators, and the public, have developed these administrative rules.

To assist in the creation of a healthy school environment, the District shall establish a Coordinated School Health Team that will provide an ongoing review and evaluation of the South Haven Public School's Wellness Policy and these administrative rules.

The Superintendent shall appoint a member of the administrative staff of the District to organize the Coordinated School Health Team and invite appropriate District stakeholders to become members of the Coordinated School Health Team. Coordinated School Health Team may include representatives from the following areas:

- Administration
- Counseling/Social Services
- Food services
- Health Education
- Physical Education
- Parent/Guardian
- Student
- Community

Staff shall be reminded that healthy students come in all shapes and sizes.

Students should receive consistent messages and support for:

- Self respect
- Respect for others
- Healthy eating
- Physical activity

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These rules are subject to ongoing administrative review and modifications as necessary to help assure compliance with the purpose and intent the South Haven Public School's Wellness Policy. Any District stakeholder wishing to express a viewpoint, opinion, or complaint regarding these rules should contact the Superintendent of Schools.

Students, staff, and community will be informed about the Student Wellness Policy annually.

NUTRITION EDUCATION

Nutrition education, a component of comprehensive health education, shall be offered every year, K- 5th, once during 6th – 8th grade. The District may offer age appropriate nutrition education classes. In addition, nutrition education topics shall be integrated into the entire curriculum when appropriate.

The District shall implement a quality nutrition education program that addresses the following:

Curriculum

- Curriculum aligned with the *Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*
- Equips students to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to engage in sound nutrition behavior

Instruction and Assessment

- Align curriculum, instruction and assessment
- Builds students' confidence and competence in making healthy nutrition choices
- Engages students in learning that prepares them to choose a healthy diet

Opportunity to Learn

- Includes students of all abilities
- Provides adequate instructional time to build students' confidence and competence in health-enhancing skills

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Nutrition education should also be made available to parents/guardians and the community. This nutrition education will be provided by the coordinated efforts of the school food service and wellness team in the form of handouts, wall or bulletin board posters or banners, postings on the District website, community and student oriented presentations or other communications focused on promoting proper nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

NUTRITION STANDARDS

The District shall offer meal programs with menus meeting the meal patterns and nutrition standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The District shall encourage students to make food choices based on the most current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Food and beverages that compete with the District's policy of promoting a healthy school environment shall be restricted to after school (instructional time) use.

Each school building in the District shall offer and promote the following food and beverages in all venues outside federally regulated child nutrition programs.

- Whole and enriched grain products that are high in fiber, low in added fats and sugars, and served in appropriate portion sizes consistent with the current USDA standards;
- Fresh, frozen, canned or dried fruits and vegetables using healthy food preparation techniques, and 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice in 12 ounce servings or less;
- Nonfat, low-fat, plain and/or flavored milk and yogurt, nonfat and/or low fat real cheese, rather than imitation cheese. Offer the following serving sizes: yogurt in eight ounce servings or less, milk in 16 –ounce servings or less, cheese in 1.5 ounce (two-ounce if processed cheese) servings or less;
- Nut, nut butters, seeds, trail mix, and/or soybean snacks in one-ounce portions or less, portions of three ounces or less of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish using healthy food preparation techniques

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The District shall monitor food service distributors and snack vendors to ensure that they provide healthy food and beverage choices that comply with this policy's purpose in all venues. (Appendix A)

The District shall prohibit using food as a reward. Alternatives to using food as a reward are found in (Appendix B).

The District shall encourage serving healthy food at school parties. Notices shall be sent to parents/guardians either separately or as part of a schools newsletter, reminding parents/guardians of the necessity of providing healthy treats for students and/or encouraging the use of non-food treats for classroom birthday or award celebrations. (Appendix C)

The District shall encourage healthy fundraisers during the 2006-2007 school year as alternatives to fundraising that involve selling food items of limited nutritional value, such as candy, cupcakes, or sugary beverages. (Appendix D) The district will require that all fundraisers that sell food products be healthy fundraisers beginning 2007-08 school year. Sales of soft drink, artificially sweetened drinks, caffeinated energy drinks, and candy will not be permitted at school prior to the start of the school day and throughout the instructional day, but may be permitted at special events that begin after the conclusion of the instructional day. Healthy alternatives should be included in after school activities.

Staff will model and follow appropriate healthy choices during the instructional day in the presence of students.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Developmentally appropriate physical education shall be offered every year to students of the District. The District will strive to not reduce the amount of physical education time allotted to students below the current allotment of 40 minutes every 6 days. In addition, physical education topics shall be integrated into the entire curriculum when appropriate.

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The District shall implement a quality physical education program that addresses the following:

Curriculum

- Equips students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for lifelong physical activity.
- Has a curriculum aligned with the *Michigan Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks*.
- Influences personal and social skill development.

Instruction and Assessment

- Aligns curriculum, instruction and assessment
- Builds students' confidence and competence in physical abilities
- Engages students in curriculum choices that prepare them for a wide variety of lifetime activities
- Includes students of all abilities
- Is taught by a certified physical education teacher trained in best practice physical education methods
- Keeps all students involved in purposeful activity for the majority of the period

Opportunity to Learn

- Builds students' confidence and competence in physical abilities
- Has enough functional equipment for each student to actively participate
- Includes students of all abilities

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The District should offer daily opportunities for unstructured physical activity, commonly referred to as recess, for all students Pre-K through 8. Recess should be in addition to physical education class time and not be substituted for physical education. Recess will be scheduled before lunch. Each school shall provide proper equipment and a safe area designated for supervised recess in the elementary setting. Schools should provide opportunities for some type of physical activity for students in grades six through twelve apart from physical education class and organized sports. Physical activity opportunities might include: before and after school extracurricular physical activity programs, Safe Routes to School Programs, and use of school facilities outside of school hours.

Dining Environment

The school District shall provide:

- A clean, safe enjoyable meal environment for students,
- Enough space and serving areas to ensure all students have access to school meals with minimum wait time,
- Drinking fountains in all schools, so that students can get water at meals and throughout the day,
- Encouragement to maximize student participation in school meal programs and
- Identify protection of students who eat free and reduced price meals.

Time to Eat:

The school District shall ensure:

Adequate time for students to enjoy eating healthy foods with friends in school,

- That lunch time is scheduled as near the middle of the school day as possible, and
- That recess for elementary schools is scheduled before lunch so that children will come to lunch less distracted and ready to eat.²⁶ (See Appendix F)

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Food or Physical Activity as a Reward or Punishment:

The school District shall:

- Prohibit the use of food as a reward or punishment in schools, (See Appendix B)
- Discourage denying a student participation in recess or other physical activities as a form of discipline or for classroom make-up time (See Appendix F)
- Not deny participation in Physical Education class as a form of discipline or for classroom make-up time.
- Encourage using physical activity as a reward, such as teacher or principal walking or playing with students at recess. (See Appendix F)

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Consistent School Activities and Environment

The school District shall

- Have all school buildings complete the Michigan Healthy School Action Tool to ensure that school activities and the environment support health behaviors, ²⁷ (See Appendix G)
- Ensure that all school fundraising efforts support healthy eating and physical activity beginning Fall 2007. (See Appendix D)
- Provide opportunities for on-going professional training and development for foodservice staff and teachers in the areas of nutrition and physical education,
- Make efforts to keep school or District-owned physical activity facilities open for use by students outside school hours,
- Encourage parents/guardians, teachers, school administrators, student, foodservice professionals, and community members to serve as role models in practicing healthy eating and being physically active, both in school and at home,
- Encourage and provide opportunities for students, teachers, and community volunteers to practice healthy eating and serve as role models in school dining areas,
- Provide information and outreach materials about other FNS programs such as Food Stamps, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to students and parent/guardians,
- Encourage all students to participate in school meals program, i.e. the National School Lunch, including snacks for After School Program, and School Breakfast programs, and
- Encourage physical activity across the curriculum throughout the school day or in all subject areas, for example, brain breaks ²⁸ (See Appendix G)

²⁷ Michigan's Healthy School Action Tool: <http://mihealthtools.org/schools>

²⁸ Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy
<http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/toolkit.pft>

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Implementation and Measurement

All employees of the District are encouraged to be a positive healthy lifestyle role model for students by following, at a minimum, these administrative rules. Students can learn healthy lifestyle habits by observing the food and physical activity patterns of school personnel and other adults who serve as role models in their lives. In order to send consistent messages to students, all adults in the school environment are encouraged to make healthy food choices and engage in physical activity.²⁹ The District shall work through its Coordinated School Health Team and building level staff to find cost effective ways to encourage staff wellness.

Appendix A: Healthy Food and Beverages Criteria and Healthy Snack List³⁰

Appendix B: Alternatives to Using Food as a Reward³¹

Appendix C: Healthy School Parties³²

Appendix D: Healthy School Fundraisers³³

Appendix E: Serving Healthy Beverages³⁴

Appendix F: Michigan Physical Education and Activity Resources

Appendix G: Healthy School Action Tool Brochure³⁵

²⁹ Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004.

³⁰ Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004.

³¹ Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004.

³² Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004.

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Appendix A: Healthy Food and Beverage Criteria and Healthy Snack List

Your Resource to Health Packaged Food and Beverage Products

The two lists below will help schools identify healthy food and beverages that are available from food-service distributors and snack vendors for vending machines, a'la carte, and other venues.

Single-serving-size snacks (except for nuts, seeds, and cheese) should have no more than 6 grams of fat and meet at least two of the following three criteria:

- 1) Contain 300 or fewer calories,
- 2) One or more grams of fiber, or
- 3) At least 10% of Calcium, Iron, Vitamin A or Vitamin C

List 1: Health Snack Options Available through Foodservice Distributors

Contact the Nutrition Resource Center at Gordon Food Services to request the most recent list of healthy packaged food and beverage product options: 1-800-968-4426.

The following professionals may be interested in using this information:

Food Service Operator – One who manages a foodservice program, i.e. a school foodservice Director.

Food Service Distributor – A business that purchases, warehouses and delivers products from many manufacturers. These products are in turn sold and delivered to restaurants, institutions, and schools.

Food service Broker – A company which represents products from many manufacturers.

Manufacturer Representative – A person who represents products from just one manufacturer.

List 2: Health Snack Options Available through Snack Vendors

Visit www.accesskent.com/snacks for the most recent list of healthy packaged food and beverage product options.

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Contact the Kent County Health Department at 616-336-3034 for more information.

The following professionals may be interested in using this information:

School Leader – A person who is working with a vending company and making decisions regarding the snack vending selections.

Vending Operator – A company that services (fills, repairs) vending machines in schools.

Because the food industry is constantly providing new products, please determine if a food or beverage meets the criteria by using the Nutrition Facts label on the package.

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Appendix B: Alternatives to Using Food as a Reward

At school, home and throughout the community, children are offered food as a reward for “good” behavior. Often these foods have little or no nutritional value but are easy, inexpensive, and can bring about short-term behavior change.

There are many disadvantages to using food as a reward:

- It undermines nutrition education being taught in the school environment.
- It encourages over consumption of foods high in added sugar and fat.
- It teaches children to eat when they’re not hungry as a reward to themselves.

Children learn preferences for foods made available to them, including those that are unhealthy.³⁶ Poor food choices and inadequate physical activity contribute to overweight and obesity. Currently, obesity among children, particularly teen-age children, is at epidemic level and can often lead to serious health problems.³⁷

Students Learn what they Live

Students naturally enjoy eating healthy and being physically active. Schools and communities need to provide them with an environment that supports healthy behaviors. Below are some alternatives for students to enjoy instead of being offered food as a reward at school.

³⁶ Birch L.L. Development of Food Preferences. *Annu. Rev. Nutr.* 1999

³⁷ Ogden CL, Flegal KM, Carroll MD, and Johnson CL. Prevalence and Trends in Overweight among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2000. *JAMA*, October 9, 2002 Vol 288, No. 14

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ZERO-COST ALTERNATIVES

Sit by Friends
Read Outdoors
Have extra Art time
Read to a younger class
Make deliveries to the office
Listen to music while working
Play a favorite game or puzzle
Earn play money for privileges
Walk with a teacher during lunch
Eat lunch outdoors with the class
Be a helper in another classroom
Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
Dance to favorite music in the classroom
Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
Have a teacher perform special skills (i.e. Sing)
Give a 5-minute chat break at the end of the day
Get "free choice" time at the end of the day

Watch a Video
Teach the class
Enjoy class outdoors
Play a computer program
Get a homework pass
Have an extra recess

LOW-COST ALTERNATIVES

Select a paperback book
Enter a drawing for donated prizes
Take a trip to the treasure box (non-food items)
Get stickers, pencils, and other school supplies
Receive a video store or movie theatre coupon
Get a set of flash cards printed from a computer
Receive a "Mystery pack" (notepad, folder, sports cards, etc.)

IDEAS FROM MICHIGAN TEACHERS

Game Day: "I have my students earn letters to spell game day . . .after the letters have been earned, we play reading or phonics-type board games. The kids beg for Game Day"!

FRIDAY FREE TIME: I give my students thirty minutes at the beginning of the week and they can earn or lose free time according to their behavior. I use a timer and turn it on (they can hear it) if they are too loud working, lining up, etc., I add time when their behavior is good.

Adding time is the most effective. I save time by not waiting for them to settle down so I don't feel bad about their free time".

Adapted from a project funded by Michigan Department of Community Health's Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity Section of Lincoln Elementary School in South Haven, Michigan. Lincoln Elementary is a Team Nutrition School. For more information about Team Nutrition, contact Chris Flood at 269-639-0002, or go to: www.tn.fcs.msue/msu.edu

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Appendix C: Healthy School Parties

Schools play a major role in helping students become fit, healthy and ready to learn. One way to accomplish this is for food offered in schools to support lessons learned in the classroom regarding nutrition and physical activity. What better venue than schools – which have a great impact on children – to support the message that proper nutrition and physical activity are a key part of a healthy lifestyle? Positive examples of making healthy eating choices and encouraging physical activity should be visible throughout the school. Parties as well as cafeterias, school stores, vending machines, and after-school events offer opportunities for schools to reinforce the message that making healthy food choices and being physically active means a healthier body and a sharper mind.

Snack Ideas for School and Classroom Parties

Of course, the foods offered at school parties should add to the fun, but try to avoid making them the main focus. Remember, schools are responsible for helping students learn lessons about good nutrition and healthy lifestyles and students should practice these lessons during school parties. For example, consider combining student birthday parties into one monthly event that incorporates physical activities as well as healthy snacks. Also, be sure to consider ethnic and medical food restrictions and allergies when providing classroom snacks.

Here is a list of healthy snack choices to consider for classroom events. Serving all healthy foods and incorporating physical activities make a powerful statement. Actions speak louder than words: Lead by example.

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Buy locally when possible
- Yogurt
- Bagels with low fat cream cheese
- Baby carrots and other vegetables with low fat dip
- Trail Mix*
- Nuts and Seeds*
- Fig cookies
- Animal crackers
- Bottled water (including flavored water)
- Baked Chips
- Low fat popcorn
- Granola Bars*
- Soft pretzels and mustard
- Pizza (no extra cheese and no more than one meat)
- Pudding
- String cheese
- Cereal bar
- Single-serve low fat or fat free milk (regular or flavored)
- 100% fruit juice (small single-serves)

*May be allergens and/or choking risk for some people, please check with a healthcare provider.

Note: See “Recipes” in the Resources by Topic section.

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<http://www.tn.fes.msue.msu.edu/tooklit.pdf>

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Appendix D: Healthy School FundraisersSmart Fundraisers for Today's Health Schools

Raising money may present a constant challenge for schools. School fundraisers may help pay for computers, field trips, athletics, music, art, and other programs that educate and enrich young lives – important programs that are not always covered by shrinking school budgets. More than just raising money to pay for valuable programs, a well-run fundraiser can also be an experience that educates, builds self-esteem, provides community service, and promotes school and community spirit.

Fundraising doesn't have to involve selling food items of limited nutritional value, such as candy. When healthy food choices are used as fundraising items, the healthy eating message presented in the schools is reinforced. Some of the ideas even have the added benefit of providing additional physical activity opportunities for students.

Take a look and help your school select a creative fundraising alternative to selling foods of limited nutritional value.

Search the Web

Select a search engine and type in “school fundraisers” to access 112,000 + sites.

A few of these sites follow:

www.afrds.org/homeframe.html

Association of Fund-Raising Distributors and Suppliers. Site includes a Toolbox With “Fundraising Fundamentals”, a checklist for evaluating fundraising companies, and a resource on product fundraising issues and trends.

www.PTOtoday.com

List fundraising activities by categories, has a “work vs. reward” equation, contains a parent sharing section on “what works, what doesn't and why”.

www.fundraising-idea.com

Offers a free newsletter with programs, services, and press releases. Links to www.amazon.com with books on fundraising.

Appendix E: Serving Healthy BeveragesRecommendations for Serving Healthy Beverages

The following beverages are recommended:

- ✓ Plenty of Water
- ✓ 100% juice in 12-ounce servings* or less
- ✓ Fat free, low fat, plain and/or flavored milk in 16 ounce servings* or less
- ✓ Fruit/Fruit juice smoothies in 16 ounce servings* or less

Choosing your Drinks can be Difficult! Watch out for:

These are not 100% juice!

- Fruit punches
- Fruit drinks
- Juice drinks

*Suggested serving-sizes are based on what is commonly available for use in vending machines. It should be noted that excessive juice consumption may result in an increase in calorie intake and may contribute to the development of unhealthy weight. It should also be noted that 70% of teen boys and 90% of teen girls do not meet daily calcium requirements. Offering fat free or low fat single-serve milk is another opportunity to help teens meet their nutrition needs. (refer to Healthy Food and Beverages Policy for additional rationale).

Read the Label! To determine if a food or beverage meets the criteria, use the Nutrition Facts label on the package.

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Appendix F: Michigan Physical Education and Activity Resources

Cross-Curricular Instruction: Integrating Physical Activity into Classroom Subjects:

Cross-curricular integration of lessons will help students to see connections among the subject area and provide opportunities for teachers to work together. Below are several ideas for integrating physical movement into various subject areas:

Physical activity guides for elementary classroom teachers that integrate physical movement into classroom subjects; language arts, math, science and social studies.

- Brain Breaks: www.emc.cmich.edu/BrainBreaks
- Energizers: www.ncpe4me.com/energizers.html
- Take Ten: www.take10.net

Michigan Team Nutrition booklist: The list contains short, one-paragraph annotations for over 300 books about food, healthy eating, and physical activity for children in pre-school through third grade. www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/booklist.html

Examples:

- *Get Moving: Tips on Exercise*, Feeney, Kathy, Bridgestone Books, 2002.
- *Let the Games Begin*, Ajmera, Maya and Michael J. Regan Charlesbridge, 2000.
- Display poster or banners with physical activity themes.
www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Sharing_Center/Kyactivitypyramid.pdf

Using Physical Activity to Reward Students

Have an extra recess; Walk with a teacher during lunch; Dance to favorite music in the classroom; Hold Friday Physical Activity Time where students earn extra physical activity time based on their good behaviors during the week; and Challenge another homeroom to a sport or activity.

Ideas for School Parties

Make your party a dance; Modify traditional games for classroom use; Hold contest or relays.

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- *All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) day:* A one-day event where millions of children of all ages exercise at the same time work-wide in a symbolic event of fitness and unity. www.michiganfitness.org
- *Hoops for Heart:* Engages student in playing basketball while learning the lifelong benefits of physical activity, volunteering, and fundraising. www.americanheart.org
- *Jump Rope for Heart:* Engages students in jumping rope while learning the lifelong benefits of physical activity, the seriousness of heart disease and stroke, volunteering and fundraising. www.americanheart.org/jump
- *National Physical Education & Sport Week:* Designated week for encouraging and promoting physical activity. www.aahperd.org/naspe/may
- *Walk to School Day/Safe Routes to School:* Join in the effort to promote walking to school as a way to provide an opportunity for more physical activity!
www.michiganfitness.org/

Recess before Lunch

Scheduling recess before lunch makes sense! Good nutrition goes hand in hand with improved behavior and learning. Recess before Lunch gives students the opportunity to excel in both.

Find everything you need to establish a recess before lunch program including, how to implement, resources and supporting information, and educational and marketing materials.

www.opi.state.mt.us/schoolfood/index.html

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Appendix G: Healthy School Action Tool Brochure

HSAT Module Topics

The HSAT (assessment and action plan) helps school to assess and take positive action in these eight areas of their school health environment:

1. School Health Policies & Environment
2. Health Education
3. Physical Education & Other Physical Activity Program
4. Nutrition (Food) Services
5. School Health Services
6. School Counseling, Psychological & Social Studies
7. Health Promotion for Staff
8. Family & Community Involvement

The Healthy Schools – Healthy Students website also offers:

- General information and resources about ways to create a healthy school environment.
- Links to policy documents and fact sheets to support efforts to create healthy school environments
- Resources to assist schools in completing the HSAT and in making positive changes to their school health environment.

“Schools can do more than perhaps any other single institution in society to help young people, and the adults they will become, live healthier, longer, more satisfying and more productive lives.” – Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development

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