

Our School Wellness Policy: What Parents Need To Know

Helping Kids Learn, Grow, and Be Healthy

- ★ Together, parents, school staff, and students can create a healthy school nutrition environment
- ★ Better health = better learners
- ★ Kids with healthier eating patterns and enough physical activity tend to:
 - Have better grades
 - Remember what was taught in class
 - Behave better in class
 - Miss less school time



School Wellness Policy

A wellness policy helps create a healthy school environment.

Our wellness policy talks about:

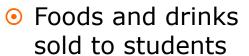




Food and beverages, not but provided to students



Physical activity



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TODAY!



Food and beverage marketing

 Informing the community, leadership, and more

Nutrition promotion



Our Wellness Policy

Learn more! Read the full policy at:
 <u>Families & Scholars - Achievers Early College Prep Charter School (AECP) |</u>
 <u>Trenton, NJ</u> Website

Information about our policy in other languages is available at: Families & Scholars - Achievers Early College Prep Charter School (AECP)



Importance of Nutrition Education

- Gives students the knowledge, skills, and confidence to make healthy eating choices.
- Nutrition education may include:
 - teaching about healthy meal patterns
 - reading Nutrition Facts labels
 - identifying sources of added sugars, saturated fats



Get involved! Ask your teacher how you can support nutrition education in the classroom.

Nutrition Promotion

- Encourage students to make healthy nutrition choices
- Here are the nutrition promotion activities taking place in our schools
 - Hispanic Heritage Event
 - Thankful Celebration
 - New Year, New Goals Workshop

How can you get involved?

Volunteer to help by attending an event or joining the PTA at Parent & Teacher PTA Interest Survey - Google Forms.



Physical Activity & Physical Education

- We want kids to have the opportunity to be physically active at school.
- ★ Recommended physical activity for children and adolescents = 60 minutes or more each day.
- * We offer Physical Education during the day and Athletic programs after-school. Please visit our website for more information. Https://achieversecp.org



Our School Wellness Policy

- Our wellness policy supports healthy school breakfasts and lunches.
- All other food and drinks sold in school during the school day must follow the Smart Snacks standards.
- Questions? Contact: 609-429-0279



Keeping Activities Healthy

- At our school, we make our after-school efforts healthy and fun, such as:
 - ★ Basketball
 - ★ Cheerleading
 - ★ Soccer and Volleyball

Help us come up with new ideas for a healthy fundraiser!





Food and Beverages Provided (Not Sold) to Students

Our wellness policy includes:

- Wellness Wednesdays
- **★ Healthy Lunches**
- After-School Clubs & Athletics

Get involved! Help educate other parents of our policy when they volunteer to bring food to classroom celebrations or provide classroom snacks.



Understanding Food and Beverage Marketing



- Where have you seen advertising in our school?
- We want images and messages in our school to support healthy choices.

Get involved! If you see items advertised you believe do not meet the Smart Snacks standards, please contact info@achieversecp.org.

Other School-Based Activities

Help implement our policy and promote wellness through other school-based activities, including:

- If you have a green thumb, help try to create a school garden.
- Connect with a local farmer and coordinate a field trip.
- Help plan a wellness program (as an event for after-school).



Wellness

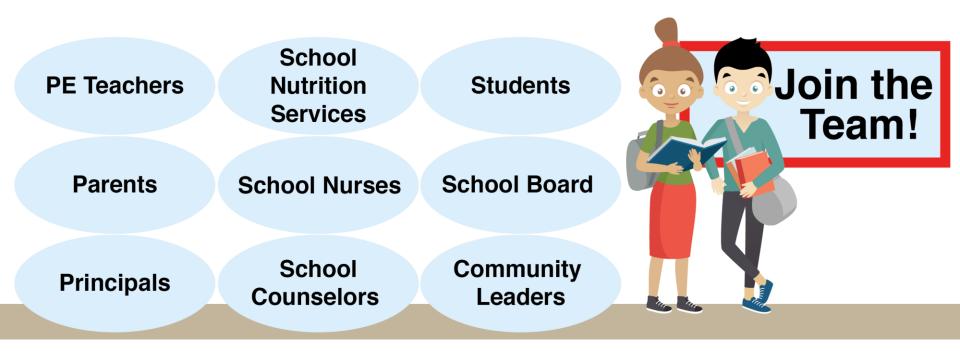
- Parents have the power let your voice be heard!
- Join our PTA and become active in Wellness!

January 15. 2026 at the MS – New Goals, New Years.



Making It a Team Effort

Lots of people have a hand in supporting student health!



Let your voice be heard!

Refer to your handout for more information.

We Need Parents!

- ★ Tell us how our school is promoting good nutrition and physical activity or how it can improve. Email us at info@achieversecp.org.
- Attend a school board meeting to advocate for more healthy changes.
- ★ Contact Ms. Mori, Parent Liason or team up with other parents to plan a school event promoting healthy food choices and physical activity!

Be a positive role model! Show your child how to make healthy food choices and be active.



Connecting with Wellness

- Your go-to for wellness policy questions.
- Our School Leaders get everyone excited and spread the message.
- Contact them to get involved or reach out to Ms. Sully Mori, Parent Liaison.



Finding Our Wellness Policy

- ★ Find our wellness policy on our Web site: <u>Families & Scholars - Achievers Early College Prep Charter School (AECP) |</u> <u>Trenton, NJ.</u>
- Contact <u>info@achieversecp.org</u> for a copy or if you have questions.
- * Available in English and Spanish the policy is going to be shared out via PowerSchool as well.

Read the full policy to see how it supports our work to build a culture of wellness at Achievers Early College Prep.

Pop Quiz!

- 1. Can we change our wellness policy?
- 2. How can I get more information about school meals or Smart Snacks?
- 3. How often is the wellness policy updated?
- 4. Are students involved on the school wellness committee?
- 5. Who do I contact about starting a wellness event at my school?



Answers

- 1. Can we change our wellness policy? Yes
- 2. How can I get more information about school meals or Smart Snacks? Contact info@achieversecp.org and check out the USDA Team Nutrition Guide to Smart Snacks on the website under the Food tab.
- 3. How often is the wellness policy updated? Annually or as needed.
- 4. Are students involved in the school wellness policy? They are the recipients.
- 5. Who do I contact about starting a wellness event at my school? Parent Liaison

Thank you



Thank you for your time and commitment to wellness in our schools!

