

Policy EE: Food Services Management

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Food Services Management

The Gilmer Schools Nutrition Department shall be under the direction of the Director of Food Service. It shall be his/her responsibility to ensure that all rules and regulations of the State Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as well as the policies of the Board of Education are enforced so far as they pertain to the operation of the School Food Service Program.

In accordance with State Board rules, the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value, as defined by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of USDA, shall be prohibited in all schools from midnight before school begins until 30 minutes after the school day ends. Only foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks regulations can be sold during school hours.

Student Meal Charges

- Student who need to charge breakfast or lunch, will be given a complete reimbursable meal.
- The Gilmer Schools Nutrition Department and school principals will notify parents of delinquent charges and insufficient funds.
- Meal charges that cannot be collected from the student's family through school based contact, after ongoing attempts, may be turned over to a collection agency.
- It is the goal of the school district to eliminate the debt at the end of each academic year.

Adult Meal Charges

- Visitors may not charge.
- School employees may charge up to \$10 on a monthly basis. All charges must be paid in full on or before the 5th of the following month.

Extra Items/ A La Carte

- ~~Students bringing a meal from home and wishing to get a milk or juice from the school cafeteria, the student must either have cash in hand or money in his/her account. This includes students who receive Free and Reduced price meals.~~
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Policy EEE: Wellness Program

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Wellness Program

The Gilmer County Board of Education ("Board") 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 of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, as those regulations and guidance apply to schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall convene a wellness committee consisting of school system and community representatives from areas designated in federal law to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review of school wellness policies. Such policies shall contain, at a minimum:

1. Specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness;
2. Standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages available on campus during the school day that:
 - a. are consistent with federal meal pattern requirements and nutrition standards;
 - b. prohibit the sale to students on the school campus during the school day of competitive foods that do not meet the federal criteria; and
 - c. adhere to federal and state requirements regarding exempt fundraisers.
3. Identification of the position of district or school official(s) responsible for the oversight to ensure each school's compliance with the wellness policy;
4. A description of the manner in which parents, students, and representatives of school food service, physical education teachers, school health professions, the school board, school administrators, and the general public are provided an opportunity to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review of the wellness policy; and
5. A description of the plan for measuring the implementation of the wellness policy and for reporting to the public its content and implementation issues.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that each participating school complies with the wellness policy; that periodic assessments and progress reports are conducted in accordance with state and federal timelines and other requirements; and, that appropriate updates or modifications are made as needed.

Policy GANA: Infectious Diseases

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Infectious Diseases

An "infectious disease" means an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products, which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.

The Superintendent or designee will develop and implement procedures related to the impact of infectious diseases on school system management and operations. Such procedures will be consistent with the requirements of the Georgia Board of Education rule 160-1-3-.03 and will require the following actions:

1. The annual provision to employees of information, education or training related to transmission of infectious diseases, risk reduction and standard precautions, based on guidelines or recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), including the use of personal protective equipment as appropriate to tasks with potential exposure.
 2. The immediate notification of the person, or if the person is a minor, to the parent or guardian, of the need to obtain an appropriate medical evaluation where there exists reasonable suspicion that an employee or student has an infectious disease.
 3. The involvement of the school nurse, public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators in operational decisions concerning an employee or student who has an infectious disease.
 4. The disclosure of health-related information only as permitted by state or federal law.
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Policy JCDAE: Weapons

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Weapons

It is the policy of the Board of Education that a student shall not possess, use, handle or transmit any object that reasonably can be considered a weapon on property or in a building owned or leased by the school district, at a school function, or on a bus or other transportation provided by the school district. Weapons may include, but are not limited to:

1. Any handgun, firearm, rifle, shotgun or similar weapon; any explosive compound or incendiary device; or, any other dangerous weapon as defined in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-121, including a rocket launcher, bazooka, recoilless rifle, mortar, or hand grenade.
2. Any hazardous object, including any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as a nun chahka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any instrument of like kind, any nonlethal air gun, and any stun gun or taser. Such term shall not include any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher.

Students who possess any weapon described in paragraph 1 in violation of this policy will be subject to a minimum of a one calendar year expulsion. The Superintendent shall have the authority either before or after the student is referred for a tribunal hearing to reduce the mandated one year expulsion under circumstances where the one year expulsion appears excessive to the superintendent. The tribunal shall also have the authority to modify such expulsion requirement on a case-by-case basis in determining the appropriate punishment. Finally, in any tribunal decision appealed to the board of education, the board may reduce the mandated punishment but shall consider whether the superintendent and/or tribunal considered a reduction and any rationale in denying such a reduction.

Students who possess other weapons or hazardous objects as described in paragraph 2 will be subject to discipline as specified in the student code of conduct.

Reporting Requirements

Any employee who has reasonable cause to believe that a student possesses a weapon as defined in paragraph 1, is involved in an assault using a weapon as defined in paragraph 2, or is involved in a second offense with a weapon on campus must report violations of this policy to the principal or assistant principal of the school. If the principal has reasonable cause to believe that a report is valid, he/she must immediately make an oral report to the Superintendent and to the appropriate law enforcement authority and district attorney.

The student's parents or guardian will be notified immediately of his/her child's involvement in any activity involving weapons.

Students will be given a copy of the Code of Conduct, which includes a statement of prohibited conduct with regard to weapons and possible disciplinary actions.

Policy JGFGB: Concussion Management

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Concussion Management

1. Prior to the beginning of each season of any extracurricular athletic activity, all parents or legal guardians of participating students shall be provided an information sheet informing them of the nature and risk of concussion and head injury.
 2. If a student participating in an extracurricular athletic activity exhibits symptoms of having a concussion, he or she shall be removed from the activity and be examined by a health care provider.
 3. If a student is deemed by a health care provider to have sustained a concussion, the coach or other designated personnel shall not permit the student to return to play until he or she receives clearance from a health care provider for a full or graduated return to play.
 4. As used in this policy, a "health care provider" means a licensed physician or another licensed individual under a physician's supervision, such as a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or certified athletic trainer who has received training in concussion evaluation and management.
 5. Coaches, employees, and other designated individuals supervising extracurricular athletic activities are expected to use their training, personal judgment and discretion in implementing this policy.
 6. This policy is not intended to create any liability for, or create a cause of action against, the Board of Education or governing body of a charter school or their officers, employees, volunteers or other designated individuals for any act or omission to act related to the removal or non-removal of a student from an extracurricular athletic activity.
 7. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to direct the development of administrative regulations and/or guidelines needed to implement this policy.
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