

Tallahassee Classical School

Wellness Policy

Tallahassee Classical School is committed to creating a school environment that promotes the optimal development of all students and staff. Tallahassee Classical School recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity improve overall health and well-being. The guidelines listed below encourage a comprehensive wellness approach that is sensitive to both individual and community needs.

1. Nutrition

Tallahassee Classical School shall operate and provide food service in accordance with USDA’s National School Lunch Program (NSLP) standards and applicable laws and regulations of the state of Florida. The guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by USDA.

- A. School meals will include a variety of nutrient-dense foods, including whole grains and fiber-rich fruits and vegetables.
- B. Tallahassee Classical School will seek to participate in available federal school meal programs such as the SBP, NSLP, and ASSP.
- C. Free, potable water will be made available to all children during each meal service.
- D. All foods and beverages sold on the school campus to students outside of reimbursable school meals are considered “competitive foods,” and must comply with the nutrition standards for competitive food as defined and required in 7 CFR 210.11.
 - o *School campus means, for the purpose of competitive food standards implementation, all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.*
 - o *School day means, for the purpose of competitive food standards implementation, the period from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.*
 - o Unless being sold by Tallahassee Classical School’s food service program, it is impermissible for any competitive food item sold to students during the school day to consist of ready-to-eat combination foods of meat or meat alternate and grain products, as defined in 7 CFR 210.10 and 210.11. (FAC 5P-2.002)
 - o No fundraisers that include the sale of food items will occur until thirty (30) minutes after the conclusion of the last designated meal service period.
 - o The Wellness Policy Committee is permitted to grant a special exemption from the standards for competitive foods as specified above for the purpose of conducting infrequent school- sponsored fundraisers, not to exceed the following maximum number of school days per school campus each school year:

School Type	Maximum Number of School Days to Conduct Exempted Fundraisers
Elementary Schools	5 days
Middle School/Junior High Schools	10 days
Senior High Schools	15 days
Combination Schools	10 days

2. Wellness Goals

a. Nutrition Education

Health education topics shall be integrated into the regular instructional program. The program shall provide students with the knowledge and skills to make healthy choices related to health promotion and disease prevention.

- A. Tallahassee Classical School shall provide for an interdisciplinary, sequential skill-based health education program based upon State standards and benchmarks.
- B. The nutrition benchmarks included in Florida's Physical Education Standards shall be taught as part of the structured and systematic instruction during physical education classes and integrated into other subject areas (e.g., math, science) where there is a natural fit.
- C. Students will receive interactive nutrition education that teaches skills they need to adopt age-appropriate healthy eating behaviors.

b. Physical Activity

Tallahassee Classical School considers physical activity to be an essential element of its instructional program. The program shall provide the opportunity for all students to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary for a lifetime of healthy physical activity.

- A. Students shall receive instructionally relevant physical education as required by state statute.
- B. All Tallahassee Classical scholars will have at least 20 minutes of daily recess. Tallahassee Classical School will provide space, equipment, and an environment conducive to safe and enjoyable play.
- C. Tallahassee Classical School will offer a variety of physical activity opportunities to students.
- D. Staff will be encouraged to participate in moderate-intensity aerobic activity every week. Staff will be informed of opportunities to participate in physical activity in afterschool programs and community events.
- E. Regular classroom teachers will be encouraged to provide short physical activity breaks between lessons or classes as appropriate.

c. Healthy Safe Environment

Tallahassee Classical School will make efforts to integrate wellness activities throughout the school setting. These initiatives will include nutrition, physical activity, and other wellness working toward a consistent set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development and strong educational outcomes.

- A. Tallahassee Classical School shall be in compliance with drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free policies.
- B. Tallahassee Classical School will provide a clean, well-maintained, smoke-free facility for the enjoyment of meals.
- C. Students will be provided an adequate amount of time to consume their meals with a minimum of 20 minutes after receiving their food from the line.

- D. The school will provide nutritious, fresh, locally grown food that reflects Florida's bountiful harvest.
- E. The school will ensure convenient access to hand washing facilities during meal periods.
- F. Teachers and other school personnel should not deny or require excessive physical activity as a means of punishment.

d. Health Services

Health services activities shall be provided to students and staff and may include, but not be limited to, school safety awareness, parenting skills, and other appropriate and relevant health services education topics. Delivery of services shall include at minimum: emergency health interventions, routine daily management of chronic health conditions that affect a student's academic performance, communicable disease prevention, student health screening to include Scoliosis, Body Mass Index (BMI), Vision and Hearing Screening and community health referrals as appropriate.

3. School Wellness Policy Leadership

The Wellness Policy Committee will meet bi-annually to monitor and set goals for the development and implementation of its school wellness policy. The policy shall be reviewed by the Wellness Policy Committee annually. The Principal or his or her designee shall ensure overall compliance with this wellness policy. Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the governing board, school administrators and the public shall be permitted to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the local school wellness policy.

The Wellness Policy Committee will ensure compliance with and facilitate the implementation of Tallahassee Classical School's wellness policy.

- A. The school principal and staff will be responsible for compliance with federal and state regulations as they relate to Tallahassee Classical School's wellness policy.
- B. The Physical Education teacher will be responsible for establishing the Wellness Policy Committee that will ensure compliance with the policy.
- C. The Wellness Policy Committee is responsible for:
 - a. Ensuring compliance with federal and state regulations for competitive food and beverage items sold on the school campus (7 CFR 210.11 and FAC 5P- 2.002);
 - b. Maintaining a school calendar identifying the dates when exempted competitive food fundraisers will occur in accordance with the frequency specified in paragraph (c) of FAC 5P-2.002; and
 - c. Reporting regulatory compliance to the Principal or his or her designee, the person responsible for ensuring overall compliance with Tallahassee Classical School's wellness policy.

4. Evaluation and Measurement of the Implementation of the Wellness Policy

Tallahassee Classical School's Wellness Policy Committee will update and modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual review and triennial assessments and/or as local priorities change, community needs change, wellness goals are met, new health information and technology emerges, and

new federal or state guidance or standards are issued. The wellness policy will be assessed as indicated at least every three years following the triennial assessment.

Triennial Progress Assessments

Tallahassee Classical School will assess the local school wellness policy to measure wellness policy compliance triennially, or when policy updates are recommended. Tallahassee Classical School will make triennial assessment summaries and policy changes available to the public.

This assessment will measure the implementation of the local school wellness policy, and include:

- The extent to which Tallahassee Classical School is in compliance with this wellness policy;
- The extent to which this policy compares to model local school wellness policies; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of this policy.

Record Keeping

Records to document compliance with the requirements of the local school wellness policy will include, but are not limited to the following:

- A. The written local school wellness policy;
- B. Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including requirements to make the local school wellness policy and triennial assessments available to the public as consistent with the section on informing and updating the public; and
- C. Documentation of the triennial assessment of the local school wellness policy.

5. Family, School, and Community Partnership

Long-term effective partnerships improve the planning and implementation of health promotion projects and events within the school and throughout the community.

- A. Family, student, and community partners shall be included on an ongoing basis in school wellness processes.
- B. Community partnerships, both nonprofit and for profit, shall be developed and maintained as a resource for school programs, projects, activities, and events.
Tallahassee Classical School shall advocate, develop, and support the engagement of students, families, and staff in community health-enhancing activities and events at the school or throughout the community.
- C. Annually at a governing board meeting each year, the local school wellness policy will be discussed, and stakeholders will be asked to provide feedback on the policy. Comments and recommendations will be provided to the Wellness Policy Committee for its annual review.

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