

# MICHIGAN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Model Local Wellness Policy

### Local Wellness Policy for KEYS Grace Academy

KEYS Grace Academy 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.

#### **Nutrition Education**

Every year, all students, Pre-K-8, shall receive nutrition education that is aligned with the Michigan Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks<sup>1</sup> 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**

KEYS Grace Academy shall ensure that reimbursable school meals meet the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations.<sup>2</sup> KEYS Grace Academy shall encourage students to make nutritiot's food choices.

KEYS Grace Academy shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside the federally regulated child nutrition programs. KEYS Grace Academy shall consider nutrient density and portion size before permitting food and beverages to be sold or served to students.

KEYS Grace Academy 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.

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<sup>1</sup>Michigan Department of Education Health Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998. [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health\\_Standards\\_15052\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health_Standards_15052_7.pdf).

<sup>2</sup>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](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_04/7cfr210_04.html)

<sup>3</sup>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/G1\\_Glossary.htm](http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2005/report/HTML/G1_Glossary.htm)

## **Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities**

KEYS Grace Academy shall offer physical education opportunities that include the components of a quality physical education program.<sup>4</sup> 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*.<sup>5</sup>

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**

KEYS Grace Academy 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**

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

board, as requested, on KEYS Grace Academy's programs and efforts to meet the purpose and intent of this policy.

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<sup>4</sup>Including goals for physical activity is required by federal law Section 204 of Public Law 108-265. Physical education, while recommended, is not required.

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/Healthy/108-265.pdf>

<sup>5</sup>Michigan Department of Education Physical Education Content Standards and Benchmarks, July 1998.

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Physical\\_Education\\_Content\\_Standards\\_42242\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Physical_Education_Content_Standards_42242_7.pdf)

(The following pages provide example model local administrative rules to be considered when drafting your local model wellness policy.)

## **Model \_ Local Administrative Rules Regarding KEYS Grace Academy \_ Wellness Policy**

In order to enact and enforce KEYS Grace Academy's Local Wellness Policy, KEYS Grace Academy and the administrative team will have developed these local administrative rules. Administrative team members should be comprised of teachers (including specialists in health and physical education), parents/guardians, students, representatives of the school food service program, school board members, school administrators, and the public.

To assist in the creation of a healthy school environment, KEYS Grace Academy shall establish a Coordinated School Health Team<sup>6</sup> that will provide an ongoing review and evaluation of the [insert district name] Local Wellness Policy and these local administrative rules.<sup>7</sup>

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

- Administration.
- Counseling/psychological/and social services.
- Food services.
- Health education.
- Health services.
- Parent/guardian, student and community (including health care providers, hospital and public health department staff, non-profit health organizations, physical activity groups, community youth organizations, and university or other governmental agencies).
- Physical education.

(Note: An existing committee may assume the responsibility of the Coordinated School Health Team. )

<sup>6</sup> Centers for Disease Control's Coordinated School health web site:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/CSHP/index.htm>.

<sup>7</sup> Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Coordinated School Health Programs To Support Academic Achievement and Healthy Schools, September 2003.  
[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CSHP\\_Policy\\_77375\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/CSHP_Policy_77375_7.pdf)

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.<sup>8</sup>

These local rules are subject to ongoing administrative review and modification as necessary to help assure compliance with the purpose and intent of [insert district name] Local Wellness Policy. Any District stakeholder wishing to express a viewpoint, opinion, or complaint regarding these local rules should contact:

**KEYS Grace Academy Management**

Phone - 248-629-7700 Fax - 248-542-1756

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

**Nutrition Education**

Nutrition education, a component of comprehensive health education, shall be offered every year to all students of KEYS Grace Academy. KEYS Grace Academy may offer age- appropriate nutrition education classes. In addition, nutrition education topics shall be integrated into the entire curriculum when appropriate.

KEYS Grace Academy shall implement a quality nutrition education program that addresses the following:

*Curriculum:*<sup>9</sup>

- Has a 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:*

- Aligns 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.
- Includes students of all abilities.
- Is taught by "highly qualified teachers of health education."<sup>10</sup>

<sup>8</sup> The Role of Michigan Schools in Promoting Healthy Weight. September 2001.  
<http://www.emce.cmich.edu/pdfs/Healthy%20Weight.pdf>

<sup>9</sup>The Michigan Model for Comprehensive School Health Education curriculum meets this administrative rule: <http://www.emc.cmich.edu/mm>

*Opportunity to Learn:*

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

Nutrition education should also be made available to parents/guardians and the community. This nutrition education may be provided in the form of handouts, wall or bulletin board posters or banners, postings on KEYS Grace Academy website, community and student oriented presentations or other communications focused on promoting proper nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

**Nutrition Standards**

KEYS Grace Academy shall offer school meal programs with menus meeting the meal patterns and nutrition standards established by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). KEYS Grace Academy shall encourage students to make food choices based on the most current Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Food and beverages that compete

with KEYS Grace Academy's policy of promoting a healthy school environment shall be discouraged.

Each school building in KEYS Grace Academy 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.

- Nuts, 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.
- Accompaniments (sauces, dressings, and dips), if offered, in one-ounce servings or less.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Michigan State Board of Education Policy On Comprehensive School Health Education, June 2004.

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health\\_Education\\_Policy\\_final\\_94135\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Health_Education_Policy_final_94135_7.pdf)

<sup>11</sup> Michigan State Board of Education Policy On Offering Healthy Food And Beverages In Venues Outside Of The Federally Regulated Child Nutrition Programs, December 2003. [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Healthy\\_Foods\\_AttchmtA\\_12\\_9\\_83141\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Healthy_Foods_AttchmtA_12_9_83141_7.pdf)

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

KEYS Grace Academy shall discourage using food as a reward. Alternatives to using food as a reward are found in Appendix B.

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

KEYS Grace Academy shall encourage healthy fundraisers as alternatives to fundraising that involve selling food items of limited nutritional value, such as candy, cupcakes, or sugary beverages. Example: Sales of candy items (candy bars, sugar coated chocolate snacks, or the like) as a school or grade-level fundraising project should be replaced with non-food items such as candles, wrapping paper, greeting cards, etc. (See Appendix D).

(Example: Vending sales of soft drinks, artificially sweetened drinks, and candy will not be permitted on school grounds prior to the start of the school day or throughout the instructional day, but may be permitted at special events that begin after the conclusion of the instructional day. For suggestions on healthier foods, see Appendix E. For the federal law memorandum stating, "it is not permissible for a school to serve foods of minimal nutritional value during a meal service period..."

refer to the following link: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/Governance/Policy-Memos/2001-01-16.pdf>.)

### **Physical Education and Physical Activity Opportunities**

Developmentally appropriate physical education shall be offered every year to all students of KEYS Grace Academy.<sup>4</sup> In addition, physical education topics shall be integrated into the entire curriculum when appropriate.

KEYS Grace Academy shall implement a quality physical education program that addresses the following:

#### *Curriculum:*<sup>12</sup>

- 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.

<sup>12</sup> The Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum (EPEC) meets this administrative rule:

<http://www.michiganfitness.org/EPEC>

#### *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 a majority of the class period.

#### *Opportunity to Learn:*

- Builds students' confidence and competence in physical abilities.
- Has a teacher-to-student ratio consistent with those of other subject areas and/or classrooms.
- Has enough functional equipment for each student to actively participate.
- Includes students of all abilities.<sup>11</sup>

- Offers instructional periods totaling 150 minutes per week (elementary) and 225 minutes per week (middle and high school).<sup>13</sup>
- Provides facilities to implement the curriculum for the number of students served.

KEYS Grace Academy should offer daily opportunities for unstructured physical activity, commonly referred to as recess, for all students Pre-K through grade six. Recess should be in addition to physical education class time and not be a substitute for physical education. Each school shall provide proper equipment and a safe area designated for supervised recess in the elementary setting. School staff should not withhold participation in recess from students or cancel recess to make up for missed instructional time. Schools should provide opportunities for some type of physical activity for students in grades seven 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,<sup>14</sup> and use of school facilities outside of school hours.

### **Other School-Based Activities Designed to Promote Student Wellness**

KEYS Grace Academy shall strive to create a healthy school environment that promotes healthy eating and physical activity.<sup>15</sup> In order to create this environment, the following activities shall be implemented:

#### *Dining Environment*

- The school district shall provide:
  - a clean, safe, enjoyable meal environment for students,

<sup>13</sup> Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Quality Physical Education, September 2003. [www.michigan.gov/documents/HealthPolicyPE\\_77380\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/HealthPolicyPE_77380_7.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> Safe Routes to School Program Information: [www.saferoutesmichigan.org](http://www.saferoutesmichigan.org)

<sup>15</sup> Michigan's Healthy School Action Tool: <http://mihealthtools.org/schools>

- 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 soaker at meals and throughout the day,
- encouragement to maximize student participation in school meal programs, and
- identity protection of students who eat free and reduced-price meals.

#### *Time to Eat*

- KEYS Grace Academy shall ensure:

- adequate time for students to enjoy eating healthy foods with friends in schools,
- that lunch time is scheduled as near to 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.<sup>16</sup> (See Appendix F).

*Food or Physical Activity as a Reward or Punishment*

- KEYS Grace Academy shall:

prohibit the use of food as a reward or punishment in schools, (see Appendix B), not deny student participation in recess or other physical activities as a form of discipline or for classroom make-up time, not use physical activity as a punishment, and encourage using physical activity as a reward, such as teacher or principal walking or playing with students at recess. (See Appendix F).

*Consistent School Activities and Environment*

- KEYS Grace Academy shall:
  - have all school buildings complete the Michigan Healthy School Action Tool to ensure that school activities and the environment support health behaviors, (see Appendix G),
  - ensure that all school fundraising efforts support healthy eating and physical activity, (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, students, foodservice professionals, and community members to serve as role models in practicing healthy eating and being physically active, both in school and at home,

<sup>16</sup> A Recess Before-Lunch Policy Implementation Guide, Montana Team Nutrition Program, Office of Public Instruction School Nutrition Programs, September 2003. <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/schoolfood/recessBL.html>

- 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 Food and Nutrition Service programs such as Food Stamps, and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to students and parents/guardians,

- encourage all students to participate in school meal programs, (i.e., the National School Lunch, including snacks for After School Program, and School Breakfast programs), and
- implement physical activity across the curriculum throughout the school day or in all subject areas, for example, Brain Breaks.<sup>17</sup> (See Appendix F).

### **Implementation and Measurement**

All employees of KEYS Grace Academy 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.<sup>16</sup> KEYS Grace Academy shall work through its Coordinated School Health Team and building level staff to find cost effective ways to encourage staff wellness.

(Employees choosing to violate or ignore these local rules will be subject to possible disciplinary action as determined by KEYS Grace Academy of Schools in accordance with applicable collective bargaining agreements.)

<sup>17</sup> Tips and Tools to Help Implement Michigan's Healthy Food and Beverage Policy, 2004. <http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/toolkit.pdf>

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## Healthy Choices In All Venues

### Your Resource to Healthy 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: Healthy Snack Options Available Through Foodservice Distributors: Contact the Nutrition Resource Center at Gordon Food Service 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 food service 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: Healthy Snack Options Available Through Snack Vendors: Visit [www.accesskent.com/snacks](http://www.accesskent.com/snacks) for the most recent list of healthy packaged food and beverage product options. Contact 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 proving new products, please determine if a food or beverage meets the criteria by using the Nutrition Facts label on the package.

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

<http://www.tn.fcs.msue.msu.edu/toolkit.pdf>

## Alternatives To Using Food As A Reward

At school, home, and throughout the community kids 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 areward:

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

Kids learn preferences for foods made available to them, including those that are unhealthy. <sup>1</sup>Poor food choices and inadequate physical activity contribute to overweight and obesity. Currently, obesity among kids is at epidemic levels and can often lead to serious health problems.<sup>2</sup>

1. Birch LL. Development of Food Preferences.

2. Ogden CL, Flegal KM, Carroll AD, and Johnson CL. Prevalence and Annu. Rev. Nutr. 1999, 19-41-62.

Trends in Overweight Among US Children and Adolescents, 1999-2000, JAMA, October 9, 2002 Vol 288, No. 14.

## Students Learn What They Live

Kids 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.

### ZERO-COST ALTERNATIVES

- \*Sit by friends
- \*Watch a video
- \*Read outdoors
- \*Teach the class
- \*Have extra art time
- \*Enjoy class outdoors
- \*Have an extra recess
- \*Playa computer game
- \*Read to a younger class
- \*Get a no homework pass
- \*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
- \*Bea helper in another classroom

### LOW-COST ALTERNATIVES

- \*Selecta 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)

- \*Eat lunch with a teacher or principal
- \*Dance to favorite music in the classroom
- \*Get “free choice” time at the end of the day
- \*Listen with a headset to a book on audiotape
- \* Have a teacher perform special skills (i.e. sing)
- \*Have a teacher read a special book to the class
- \* Give a 5-minute chat break at the end of the day

### **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 the free time.”

Adapted from a project funded by Michigan Department of Community Health’s Cardiovascular Health, Nutrition & Physical Activity Section at 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.msu.edu](http://www.tn.fcs.msu.edu).

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## Healthy School Parties

Schools can play a major role in helping students become fit, healthy and ready to learn. One way to accomplish this is for foods 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 & 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.	Baked chips
Yogurt	Lowfat popcorn
Bagels with lowfat cream cheese	Granola bars*
Baby carrots and other vegetables with lowfat dip	Soft pretzels and mustard
Trail mix*	Pizza (no extra cheese and no pudding)
Nuts and seeds*	String cheese
Fig cookies	Cereal bar
Animal crackers	Single-serve lowfat or fat free milk (regular or flavored)
	100% fruit juice (small single-serves)
	Bottled water (including flavored water)

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

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

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## Smart Fundraise for Today's Healthy 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. Following are web sites and fundraising ideas that offer alternatives to selling-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](http://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](http://www.PTOtoday.com)  
Lists 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-ideas.com](http://www.fundraising-ideas.com)  
Offers a free newsletter with programs, services, and press releases. Links to [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) with books on fundraising.

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<http://www.tn.fcs.msu.edu/toolkit.pdf>

## Healthy Choices In All Venues

### Recommendations for Serving Healthy Beverages

#### The following beverages are recommended:

- Plenty of water
- 100% juice in 12-ounce servings\* or less
- Fat free, lowfat, 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:

- Fruit punches
- Fruit drinks
- Juice drinks

These are NOT 100% juice!

\*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 lowfat 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.

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

## 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 areas 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](http://www.emc.cmich.edu/BrainBreaks)
  - Energizers: [www.ncpe4me.com/energizers.html](http://www.ncpe4me.com/energizers.html)
  - Take Ten: [www.take10.net](http://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](http://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/SharingCenter/KYactivitypyramid.pdf](http://www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/SharingCenter/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 contests or relays.

### Resources:

- All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) day: A one day event where millions of children of all ages exercise at the same time worldwide in a symbolic event of fitness and unity. [www.michiganfitness.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.americanheart.org/jump)
- National Physical Education & Sport Week: Designated week for encouraging and promoting physical activity. [www.aahperd.org/naspe/may](http://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/](http://www.michiganfitness.org/)

### **Recess Before Lunch**

Recess Before Lunch gives students the opportunity to excel in both health and academics. 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](http://www.opi.state.mt.us/schoolfood/index.html)

## HSAT Nodule Topics

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

School Health Policies & Environment

Health Education

Physical Education & Other Physical Activity Programs

Nutrition (Food) Services School Health Services

School Counseling, Psychological & Social Services

Health Promotion for Staff 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.

The Healthy School Action Tool (HSAT) was adapted from the School Health Index for Physical Activity, Healthy Eating, and a Tobacco-Free Lifestyle: A Self Assessment and Planning Guide from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (2002) and the Changing the Scene Healthy School Nutrition Environment Improvement Checklist from USDA Food and Nutrition Service, Team Nutrition (2000). The development of the HSAT was a collaborative effort of the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Department of Education, Michigan State University Extension, Michigan Team Nutrition, and United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

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The Healthy School Action Tool (HSAT)

<http://www.mihealthtools.org/schools>