



Ivy Preparatory Academy

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## Ivy Prep School District Wellness Policy

### Preamble

Ivy Prep School Network is committed to the optimal development of every student. Ivy Prep believes that for students to have the opportunity to achieve personal, academic, developmental, and social success, we need to create positive, safe, and health-promoting learning environments at every level, in every setting, throughout the school year.

The plan will be submitted to the Ivy Prep Board of Education during the meeting on June 28, 2016. The LWC will be included in the minutes of the meeting and is expected that it will be accepted.

Research shows that two components, good nutrition and physical activity before, during, and after the school day, are strongly correlated with positive student outcomes. For example, student participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) School Breakfast Program is associated with higher grades and standardized test scores, lower absenteeism, and better performance on cognitive tasks. In addition, students who are physically active through active transport to and from school, recess, physical activity breaks, high-quality physical education, and extracurricular activities – do better academically.

This policy outlines The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's approach to ensuring environments and opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. Specifically, this policy establishes goals and procedures to ensure that:

- Students in The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network have access to healthy foods throughout the school day—both through reimbursable school meals and other foods available throughout the school campus—in accordance with Federal and state nutrition standards;
- Students receive quality nutrition education that helps them develop lifelong healthy eating behaviors;
- Students have opportunities to be physically active before, during, and after school;
- Schools engage in nutrition and physical activity promotion and other activities that promote student wellness;
- School staff are encouraged and supported to practice healthy nutrition and physical activity behaviors in and out of school;
- The community is engaged in supporting the work of The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network in creating continuity between school and other settings for students and staff to practice lifelong healthy habits; and
- The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network establishes and maintains an infrastructure for management, oversight, implementation, communication about, and monitoring of the policy and its established goals and objectives.

This policy applies to all students, staff, and schools in The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network.

**I. School Wellness Committee**

***Committee Role and Membership***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will convene a representative Network Wellness Committee (hereto referred to as the DWC) that meets at least four times per year to establish goals for and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation, and periodic review and update of this district-level wellness policy (heretofore referred as “wellness policy”).

The Ivy Prep Network Wellness membership will represent all school levels (elementary and secondary schools) and include (to the extent possible), but not be limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives of the school nutrition program (ex., school nutrition director); physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals

***Leadership***

The Superintendent or designee(s) will convene the DWC and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy, and will ensure each school’s compliance with the policy.

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Each school will designate a school wellness policy coordinator, who will ensure compliance with the policy. Refer to Appendix A for a list of school level wellness policy coordinators.

**II. Wellness Policy Implementation, Monitoring, Accountability, and Community Engagement**

***Implementation Plan***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will develop and maintain a plan for implementation to manage and coordinate the execution of this wellness policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions, and timelines specific to each school, and includes information about who will be responsible to make what change, by how much, where, and when, as well as specific goals and objectives for nutrition standards for all foods and beverages available on the school campus, food and beverage marketing, nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, physical education, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness. It is recommended that the school use the Healthy Schools Program online tools to complete a school level assessment based on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s School Health Index, create an action plan that fosters implementation, and generate an annual progress report.

This wellness policy and the progress reports can be found at: [www.ivyprepacademy.org](http://www.ivyprepacademy.org)

***Recordkeeping***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will retain records to document compliance with the requirements of the wellness policy at Ivy Preparatory Academy Gwinnett, School Nutrition Office, and on The Ivy Preparatory shared drive. Documentation maintained in this location will include but will not be limited to:

- The written wellness policy;
- Documentation demonstrating compliance with community involvement requirements, including (1) Efforts to actively solicit DWC membership from the required stakeholder groups; and (2) These groups’ participation in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy;
- Documentation of annual policy progress reports for each school under its jurisdiction; and

- Documentation of the triennial assessment of the policy for each school under its jurisdiction;
- Documentation demonstrating compliance with public notification requirements, including: (1) Methods by which the wellness policy, annual progress reports, and triennial assessments are made available to the public; and (2) Efforts to actively notify families about the availability of wellness policy.

### ***Annual Progress Reports***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will compile and publish an annual report to share basic information about the wellness policy and report on the progress of the schools within The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network in meeting wellness goals. This annual report will be published around the same time each year in April, and will include information from each school within The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network. This report will include, but is not limited to:

- The website address for the wellness policy and/or how the public can receive/access a copy of the wellness policy;
- A description of each school's progress in meeting the wellness policy goals;
- A summary of each school's events or activities related to wellness policy implementation;
- The name, position title, and contact information of the designated District policy leader(s) identified in Section I; and
- Information on how individuals and the public can get involved with the DWC.

The annual report will be available in The School Nutrition Office at Gwinnett

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network; Ivy Preparatory Young Men's Leadership Academy, Ivy Preparatory Kirkwood Girls and Ivy Preparatory Academy at Gwinnett, will actively notify households/families of the availability of the annual report.

The DWC, will establish and monitor goals and objectives for The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's schools, specific and appropriate for each instructional unit (elementary or secondary OR elementary, middle, and high school, as appropriate), for each of the content-specific components listed in Sections III-V of this policy.

- The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will track, analyze, and report on any correlations between improvements in health-promoting environments with education outcomes, such as absenteeism, disciplinary referrals, test scores, average grades, or health measures such as consumption of whole grains, fruits, or vegetables through the school meal programs or BMI, or psycho-social measures such as self-reported "connectedness," or other school climate measures. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is encouraged to collaborate with local research institutions and universities.
- The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will also track and annually report other related information, such as findings from food safety inspections, aggregate

participation in school meals programs, income reported from competitive food sales, fundraising revenues, and other such information, as feasible.

### ***Triennial Progress Assessments***

At least once every three years, The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy and include:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network are in compliance with the wellness policy;
- The extent to which The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's wellness policy compares to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation's model wellness policy; and
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's wellness policy.

The position/person responsible for managing the triennial assessment and contact information is LaTanya Crooms, School Nutrition Program Manager.

The DWC, in collaboration with individual schools, will monitor schools' compliance with this wellness policy.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will actively notify households/families of the availability of the triennial progress report.

### ***Revisions and Updating the Policy***

The DWC will update or modify the wellness policy based on the results of the annual progress reports and triennial assessments, and/or as District priorities change; community needs change; wellness goals are met; new health science, information, and technology emerges; and new Federal or state guidance or standards are issued. **The wellness policy will be assessed and updated as indicated at least every three years, following the triennial assessment.**

### ***Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is committed to being responsive to community input, which begins with awareness of the wellness policy. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will actively communicate ways in which representatives of DWC and others can participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the wellness policy through a variety of means appropriate for that district. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will also inform parents of the improvements that have been made to school meals and compliance with school meal standards, availability of child nutrition programs and how to apply, and a description of and compliance with Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will use electronic mechanisms, such as email or displaying notices on The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's website, as well as non-electronic

mechanisms, such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents, to ensure that all families are actively notified of the content of, implementation of, and updates to the wellness policy, as well as how to get involved and support the policy. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will ensure that communications are culturally and linguistically appropriate to the community, and accomplished through means similar to other ways that The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network and individual schools are communicating other important school information with parents.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will actively notify the public about the content of or any updates to the wellness policy annually, at a minimum. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will also use these mechanisms to inform the community about the availability of the annual and triennial reports.

### **III. Nutrition**

#### ***School Meals***

Our school district is committed to serving healthy meals to children, with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free and low-fat milk; moderate in sodium, low in saturated fat, and zero grams *trans* fat per serving (nutrition label or manufacturer's specification); and to meet the nutrition needs of school children within their calorie requirements. The school meal programs aim to improve the diet and health of school children, help mitigate childhood obesity, model healthy eating to support the development of lifelong healthy eating patterns, and support healthy choices while accommodating cultural food preferences and special dietary needs.

All schools within The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network participate in USDA child nutrition programs, including the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), the School Breakfast Program (SBP), and Seamless Summer Program. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network also operates additional nutrition-related programs and activities including All schools within The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network are committed to offering school meals through the NSLP and SBP programs, and other applicable Federal child nutrition programs, that:

- Are accessible to all students;
- Are appealing and attractive to children;
- Are served in clean and pleasant settings;
- Meet or exceed current nutrition requirements established by local, state, and Federal statutes and regulations. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network offers reimbursable school meals that meet USDA nutrition standards.
- Promote healthy food and beverage choices using at least ten of the following Smarter Lunchroom techniques:
  - Whole fruit options are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets (instead of chaffing dishes or hotel pans)
  - Sliced or cut fruit is available daily

- Daily fruit options are displayed in a location in the line of sight and reach of students
  - All available vegetable options have been given creative or descriptive names
  - Daily vegetable options are bundled into all grab and go meals available to students
  - All staff members, especially those serving, have been trained to politely prompt students to select and consume the daily vegetable options with their meal
  - White milk is placed in front of other beverages in all coolers
  - Alternative entrée options (e.g., salad bar, yogurt parfaits, etc.) are highlighted on posters or signs within all service and dining areas
  - A reimbursable meal can be created in any service area available to students (e.g., salad bars, snack rooms, etc.)
  - Student surveys and taste testing opportunities are used to inform menu development, dining space decor, and promotional ideas
  - Student artwork is displayed in the service and/or dining areas
  - Daily announcements are used to promote and market menu options
- Menus will be posted on The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network website or individual school websites, and will include nutrient content and ingredients.
  - Menus will be created/reviewed by a Registered Dietitian or other certified nutrition professional.
  - A team of child nutrition professionals administers school meals.
  - The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network child nutrition program will accommodate students with special dietary needs.
  - Students will be allowed at least 10 minutes to eat breakfast and at least 20 minutes to eat lunch; counting from the time they have received their meal and are seated. Students are served lunch at a reasonable and appropriate time of day.
  - Lunch will follow the recess period to better support learning and healthy eating.
  - Participation in Federal child nutrition programs will be promoted among students and families to help ensure that families know what programs are available in their children's school.

### ***Staff Qualifications and Professional Development***

All school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff will meet or exceed hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA professional standards for child nutrition professionals. These school nutrition personnel will refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their learning needs.

### ***Water***

To promote hydration, free, safe, unflavored drinking water will be available to all students throughout the school day and throughout every school campus. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will make drinking water available where school meals are served during mealtimes. In addition, students will be allowed to bring and carry (approved) water bottles filled with only water with them throughout the day.

### ***Competitive Foods and Beverages***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is committed to ensuring that all foods and beverages available to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* support healthy eating. The foods and beverages sold and served outside of the school meal programs (i.e., “competitive” foods and beverages) will meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, at a minimum. Smart Snacks aim to improve student health and well-being, increase consumption of healthful foods during the school day, and create an environment that reinforces the development of healthy eating habits. Ivy Preparatory will maintain the standards of The Alliance for a Healthier Generation to maintain and implementation of Smart Snacks.

To support healthy food choices and improve student health and well-being, all foods and beverages outside the reimbursable school meal programs that are sold to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards. These standards will apply in all locations and through all services where foods and beverages are sold, which may include, but are not limited to, a la carte options in cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, and snack or food carts.

### ***Celebrations and Rewards***

All foods offered on the school campus will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards including through:

1. Celebrations and parties. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide a list of healthy party ideas to parents and teachers, including non-food celebration ideas. Healthy party ideas from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and from the USDA.
2. Classroom snacks brought by parents. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide to parents a list of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks nutrition standards; and
3. Rewards and incentives. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide teachers and other relevant school staff a list of alternative ways to reward children. Foods and beverages will not be used as a reward, or withheld as punishment for any reason, such as for performance or behavior.

### ***Fundraising***

Foods and beverages that meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards may be sold through fundraisers on the school campus during the school day. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will make available to parents and teachers a list of healthy fundraising ideas using *examples from the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and the USDA.*

- Schools will use only non-food fundraisers, and encourage those promoting physical activity (such as walk-a-thons, jump rope for heart, fun runs, etc.).
- Fundraising during and outside school hours will sell only non-food items or foods and beverages that meet or exceed the Smart Snacks nutrition standards. This may

include but is not limited to, donation nights at restaurants, cookie dough, candy and pizza sales, market days, etc.

### ***Nutrition Promotion***

Nutrition promotion and education positively influence lifelong eating behaviors by using evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages, and by creating food environments that encourage healthy nutrition choices and encourage participation in school meal programs. Students and staff will receive consistent nutrition messages throughout schools, classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. Nutrition promotion also includes marketing and advertising nutritious foods and beverages to students and is most effective when implemented consistently through a comprehensive and multi-channel approach by school staff and teachers, parents, students, and the community.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students throughout the school campus, as well as encourage participation in school meal programs. This promotion will occur through at least:

Implementing evidence-based healthy food promotion techniques through the school meal programs using Smarter Lunchroom techniques; and

Promoting foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards. Additional possible promotion techniques that The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network and individual schools may use are available at [www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks](http://www.healthiergeneration.org/smartsnacks).

### ***Nutrition Education***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network aims to teach, model, encourage, and support healthy eating by students. Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that:

- Is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and protect their health;
- Is part of not only health education classes, but also integrated into other classroom instruction through subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subjects;
- Include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, and participatory activities, such as cooking demonstrations or lessons, promotions, taste-testing, farm visits, and school gardens;
- Promote fruits, vegetables, whole-grain products, low-fat and fat-free dairy products, and healthy food preparation methods;
- Emphasize caloric balance between food intake and energy expenditure (promotes physical activity/exercise);
- Link with school meal programs, cafeteria nutrition promotion activities, school gardens, Farm to School programs, other school foods, and nutrition-related community services;

- Teach media literacy with an emphasis on food and beverage marketing; and
- Include nutrition education training for teachers and other staff.
- In elementary schools, nutrition education will be offered at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based health education curriculum that meets state and national standards
- All health education teachers will provide opportunities for students to practice or rehearse the skills taught through the health education curricula

### ***Essential Healthy Eating Topics in Health Education***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will include in the health education curriculum the following essential topics on healthy eating:

- The relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention
- Food guidance from [www.choosemyplate.gov](http://www.choosemyplate.gov)
- Reading and using USDA's food labels
- Eating a variety of foods every day
- Balancing food intake and physical activity
- Eating more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain products
- Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain *trans* fat
- Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugars
- Eating more calcium-rich foods
- Preparing healthy meals and snacks
- Risks of unhealthy weight control practices
- Accepting body size differences
- Food safety
- Importance of water consumption
- Importance of eating breakfast
- Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants
- Eating disorders
- The Dietary Guidelines for Americans
- Reducing sodium intake
- Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, peers, and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior
- How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully
- Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior
- Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior

USDA's Team Nutrition provides free nutrition education and promotion materials, including standards-based nutrition education curricula and lesson plans, posters, interactive games, menu graphics, and more.

### ***Food and Beverage Marketing in Schools***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is committed to providing a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions. The Ivy

Preparatory Academy Network strives to teach students how to make informed choices about nutrition, health, and physical activity. These efforts will be weakened if students are subjected to advertising on District property that contains messages inconsistent with the health information The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is imparting through nutrition education and health promotion efforts. It is the intent of The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network to protect and promote student's health by permitting advertising and marketing for only those foods and beverages that are permitted to be sold on the school campus, consistent with The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's wellness policy.

Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus\* during the school day\* will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards

Food advertising and marketing is defined<sup>1</sup> as an oral, written, or graphic statements made for the purpose of promoting the sale of a food or beverage product made by the producer, manufacturer, seller, or any other entity with a commercial interest in the product. This term includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Brand names, trademarks, logos or tags, except when placed on a physically present food or beverage product or its container.
- Displays, such as on vending machine exteriors.
- Corporate brand, logo, name, or trademark on school equipment, such as marquees, message boards, scoreboards, or backboards (Note: immediate replacement of these items are not required; however, districts will consider replacing or updating scoreboards or other durable equipment over time so that decisions about the replacement include compliance with the marketing policy.)
- Corporate brand, logo, name, or trademark on cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards, coolers, trash cans, and other food service equipment; as well as on posters, book covers, pupil assignment books, or school supplies displayed, distributed, offered, or sold by The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network.
- Advertisements in school publications or school mailings.
- Free product samples, taste tests, or coupons of a product, or free samples displaying advertising of a product.

#### **IV. Physical Activity**

Children and adolescents should participate in 60 minutes of physical activity every day. A substantial percentage of students' physical activity can be provided through a comprehensive, school-based physical activity program (CSPAP) that includes these components: physical education, recess, classroom-based physical activity, walk and bicycle to school, and out-of-school time activities and The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network is committed to providing these opportunities. Schools will ensure that these varied opportunities are in addition to, and not as a substitute for, physical education (addressed in "Physical Education" subsection). All schools in The Ivy Preparatory

Academy Network will be encouraged to participate in *Let's Move! Active Schools* ([www.letsmoveschools.org](http://www.letsmoveschools.org)) in order to successfully address all CSPAP areas.

Physical activity during the school day (including but not limited to recess, physical activity breaks, or physical education) **will not be withheld** as punishment for any reason. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide teachers and other school staff with a list of ideas for alternative ways to discipline students.

To the extent practicable, The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will ensure that its grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to students to be active. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will conduct necessary inspections and repairs.

- The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will work with schools to ensure that inventories of physical activity supplies are known and, when necessary, will work with community partners to ensure sufficient quantities of equipment are available to encourage activity for as many students as possible.

### ***Physical Education***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide students with physical education, using an age-appropriate, sequential physical education curriculum consistent with national and state standards for physical education. The physical education curriculum will promote the benefits of a physically active lifestyle and will help students develop skills to engage in lifelong healthy habits, as well as incorporate essential health education concepts (discussed in the "*Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education*" subsection).

All students will be provided equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will make appropriate accommodations to allow for equitable participation for all students and will adapt physical education classes and equipment as necessary.

All Ivy Prep **elementary students** in each grade will receive physical education for at least 60-89 minutes per week throughout the school year

All Ivy Prep **middle school students** are required to take the equivalent of one academic year of physical education.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network physical education program will promote student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via the [Presidential Youth Fitness Program](#) or other appropriate assessment tool) and will use criterion-based reporting for each student.

- Students will be moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of class time during most or all physical education class sessions
- All physical education teachers in the Ivy Prep Academy Network will be required to participate in at least once a year professional development in education

- All physical education classes in the Ivy Prep Academy Network, are taught by licensed teachers who are certified or endorsed to teach physical education.
- Waivers, exemptions, or substitutions for physical education classes are not granted.

### ***Essential Physical Activity Topics in Health Education***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will include in the health education curriculum the following essential topics on physical activity:

- The physical, psychological, or social benefits of physical activity
- How physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight
- How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process
- How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic disease
- Health-related fitness, that is, cardiovascular endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition
- Differences between physical activity, exercise, and fitness
- Phases of an exercise session, that is, warm up, workout, and cool down
- Overcoming barriers to physical activity
- Decreasing sedentary activities, such as TV watching
- Opportunities for physical activity in the community
- Preventing injury during physical activity
- Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia, and sunburn while being physically active
- How much physical activity is enough, that is, determining frequency, intensity, time, and type of physical activity
- Developing an individualized physical activity and fitness plan
- Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan
- Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs, such as steroids
- Social influences on physical activity, including media, family, peers, and culture
- How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness
- How to influence, support, or advocate for others to engage in physical activity
- How to resist peer pressure that discourages physical activity

### ***Recess (Elementary)***

All elementary schools will offer at least **20 minutes of recess** on all or most days during the school year. If recess is offered before lunch, schools will have appropriate hand-washing facilities and/or hand-sanitizing mechanisms located just inside/outside the cafeteria to ensure proper hygiene prior to eating and students are required to use these mechanisms before eating. Hand-washing time, as well as time to put away coats/hats/gloves, will be built in to the recess transition period/timeframe before students enter the cafeteria.

**Outdoor recess** will be offered when weather is feasible for outdoor play. Students will be allowed outside for recess except when outdoor temperatures are over 85 or below 50, inclusive of wind chill factors, during “code orange” or “code red” days, during storms with lightening or thunder, or at the discretion of the building administrator based on his/her best judgment of safety conditions.

In the event that the school or district must conduct **indoor recess**, teachers and staff will follow the indoor recess guidelines that promote physical activity for students, to the extent practicable.

Recess will complement, not substitute, physical education class. Recess monitors or teachers will encourage students to be active, and will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Physical Activity Breaks (Elementary and Secondary)***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network recognizes that students are more attentive and ready to learn if provided with periodic breaks when they can be physically active or stretch. Thus, students will be offered **periodic opportunities** to be active or to stretch throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network recommends teachers provide short (3-5 minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time. These physical activity breaks will complement, not substitute, for physical education class, recess, and class transition periods.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will provide resources and links to resources, tools, and technology with ideas for physical activity breaks. Resources and ideas are available through USDA and the Alliance for a Healthier Generation.

### ***Active Academics***

Teachers will incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning approaches into “core” subject instruction when possible (e.g., science, math, language arts, social studies, and others) and do their part to limit sedentary behavior during the school day.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will support classroom teachers incorporating physical activity and employing kinesthetic learning approaches into core subjects by providing annual professional development opportunities and resources, including information on leading activities, activity options, as well as making available background material on the connections between learning and movement.

Teachers will serve as role models by being physically active alongside the students whenever feasible.

### ***Before and After School Activities***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network offers opportunities for students to participate in physical activity either before and/or after the school day (or both) through a variety of methods. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will encourage students to be physically active before and after school by: Having programs like Girls on the Run Cheerleading and Basketball

### ***Active Transport***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will support active transport to and from school, such as walking or biking. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will encourage this behavior by engaging in *six or more* of the activities below; including but not limited to:

- Designation of safe or preferred routes to school
- Promotional activities such as participation in International Walk to School Week, National Walk and Bike to School Week
- Secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmets (e.g., shed, cage, fenced area)
- Instruction on walking/bicycling safety provided to students
- Promotion of safe routes program to students, staff, and parents via newsletters, websites, local newspaper
- Crossing guards are used
- Crosswalks exist on streets leading to schools
- Walking school buses are used
- Documentation of number of children walking and or biking to and from school
- Creation and distribution of maps of school environment (e.g., sidewalks, crosswalks, roads, pathways, bike racks, etc.)

#### **V. Other Activities that Promote Student Wellness**

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues, and physical activity facilities. The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will coordinate and integrate other initiatives related to physical activity, physical education, nutrition, and other wellness components so all efforts are complementary, not duplicative, and work towards the same set of goals and objectives promoting student well-being, optimal development, and strong educational outcomes.

Schools in The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network are encouraged to coordinate content across curricular areas that promote student health, such as teaching nutrition concepts in mathematics, with consultation provided by either the school or The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network's curriculum experts.

All efforts related to obtaining federal, state, or association recognition for efforts, or grants/funding opportunities for healthy school environments will be coordinated with and complementary of the wellness policy, including but not limited to ensuring the involvement of the Network Wellness Committee.

All school-sponsored events will adhere to the wellness policy. All school-sponsored wellness events will include physical activity opportunities.

#### ***Community Partnerships***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will develop, enhance or continue relationships with community partners in support of this wellness policy's implementation. Existing and new community partnerships and sponsorships will be evaluated to ensure that they are consistent with the wellness policy and its goals.

#### ***Community Health Promotion and Engagement***

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will promote to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community the benefits of and approaches for healthy eating and physical activity throughout the school year. Families will be informed and invited to participate in school-sponsored activities and will receive information about health promotion efforts.

As described in the “Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications” subsection, The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will use electronic mechanisms (such as email or displaying notices on The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network’s website), as well as non-electronic mechanisms, (such as newsletters, presentations to parents, or sending information home to parents), to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.

### ***Staff Wellness and Health Promotion***

The DWC will have a staff wellness subcommittee that focuses on staff wellness issues, identifies and disseminates wellness resources, and performs other functions that support staff wellness in coordination with human resources staff. The subcommittee leader’s name is Yoshi Holland.

Schools in The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors. Examples of strategies schools will use, as well as specific actions staff members can take, include

- Removing soda machines from buildings
- Taking a ten-minute walk around the building so students can observe
- Eating only healthy lunches and snacks in front of students
- Using stairs instead elevators
- No fast food bags labels

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network promotes staff member participation in health promotion programs and will support programs for staff members on healthy eating/weight management that are accessible and free or low-cost.

The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will use a healthy meeting policy for all events with available food options, created by the SWC/DWC or one that currently exists that optimizes healthy food options with a variety of choices and selections of healthy foods for a variety of dietary needs.

### ***Professional Learning***

When feasible, The Ivy Preparatory Academy Network will offer annual professional learning opportunities and resources for staff to increase knowledge and skills about

promoting healthy behaviors in the classroom and school (e.g., increasing the use of kinesthetic teaching approaches or incorporating nutrition lessons into math class). Professional learning will help District staff understand the connections between academics and health and the ways in which health and wellness are integrated into ongoing district reform or academic improvement plans/efforts.

Appendix A: School Level Contacts

<b>School</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Role</b>
Ivy Prep Academy Gwinnett	Yoshi Holland	Administrative Assistant	yholland@ivyprepacademy.org	School Wellness Policy Coordinator
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## Appendix B: School Nutrition Promotion and Education Goals

### The School Nutrition Program educational goals for 2016-2017

1. Survey of Scholars Satisfaction
  - Administered in October 2016
  - Results will be compiled and shared on website
2. Organ Wise Guys
  - In class instruction
  - Displays in Café
  - Information on website
3. Hand Washing Promotion
  - Henry Hand Program
  - Morning Announcements
  - In class instruction
4. February Heart Healthy Awareness
  - Café Display
  - Menu featuring Heart Healthy Items
  - Newsletter with Heart Healthy tips
5. Alliance for a Healthier Generation
  - Network wide awareness for students, staff, parents and community
  - Continued assessment with goal of bronze status
6. Menu Marketing
  - Menu made available on the website with nutrition information
  - Menu items highlighted in newsletter

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Appendix D: Board of Education Submission and Approval

**IVY PREPARATORY ACADEMY SCHOOLS**

**LOCAL WELLNESS PLAN (LWP)**

**Plan of Action**

**BOE submission and approval**

LWP BOE submission	LWP BOE Approval with attached LWP approval minutes
July 26, 2016	July 26, 2016

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