

# Peace Academy Al Café Wellness Policy School years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025

Our Vision is to build generations of balanced, healthy and academically excellent Muslim American citizens.

Our mission at Peace Academy will provide the tools to promote lifelong learning and an Islamic environment that inspires noble character and righteous leadership.

#### **Goals Nutrition Education:**

## Peace Academy will strive to achieve the following goals pertaining to healthy eating:

- Schools will provide nutrition education and engage in nutrition promotion that is offered
  at each grade level as part of a sequential, comprehensive, standards-based program
  designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to promote and
  protect their health;
- Health education classes, but also classroom instruction in subjects such as math, science, language arts, social sciences, and elective subject.
- We will also include enjoyable, developmentally-appropriate, culturally-relevant, participatory activities, such as contests, promotions, taste testing, and school garden.

#### **Nutrition Promotion**

## Peace Academy will strive to promote a healthier lifestyle with the following goals:

- Provide positive, motivating messages, both verbal and non-verbal, about healthy
  lifestyle practices throughout the school setting. All school personnel will help reinforce
  these positive messages.
- Involve students in planning for a healthy school environment by providing surveys and questioners. Students will be asked for their opinion.
- We will involve PTO more in the information material going out to the students and parents

### **Goals Physical Activity:**

# Peace Academy will strive to achieve the following goals:

- All elementary school students will have at least 20 minutes a day of supervised recess, preferably before lunch and outdoors, during which schools will encourage moderate to vigorous physical activity verbally and through the provision of space and equipment.
- All physical education will be taught by a certified physical education teacher. Elementary will be 150 minutes a week, and middle and high school 225 minutes a week. Physical education courses that will provide an opportunity for students to learn practice and be assessed on developmentally appropriate motor skills, social skills and knowledge.
- We will provide every student with opportunities to voluntarily participate in extracurricular
  physical activities that meets his or her needs, interests and abilities. General education
  incorporated activities in the classroom. Physical activity breaks as part of the planned lesson.

#### **Other School Based Activities**

## Peace Academy will strive to achieve the following goals:

- We will support parents' efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.
- We encourage parents to pack healthy lunches and snacks and refrain from including beverages and foods without nutritional value.
- We will provide information to families, community based organizations and the general public about ways to promote healthy lifestyles.

### **Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods on Campus**

### The Peace academy will:

- Offer school meal menus (lunch, breakfast, snack) that meet the meal patterns and nutrition standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, School Nutrition Program
- Follow the USDA Smart Snacks in School Standards for all foods sold in school.
- Follow USDA, Child Nutrition Programs policies on competitive foods and extra food sales Promote healthy and nutritious foods as recommended by the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans, including foods offered by vending machines, a la carte, beverage contracts, fundraisers, concessions stands, student stores and school parties.

### Implementation and Review

The Wellness Policy will be completed at least once every three (3) years to help review policy compliance, assess progress, and determine areas of improvement. As part of that review, the Wellness Policy Council, which includes teachers, administrators, students, parents, Child Nutrition personnel, and community members, will review nutrition and physical activity policies; review nutrition and physical education policies and program elements; and review environmental provisions that support healthy eating and physical activity. Results and information about the Wellness Policy and its implementation will be posted on the school web page to inform the public, and will also be communicated using other venues such as PTA meetings, School Board, and School Student Council.

Oversight for the district Wellness Policy will be maintained by the Nuredin Giayash Director of Al café and the Peace Academy Wellness Policy Council.

For all other FNS nutrition assistance programs, state or local agencies, and their sub-recipients, must post the following Nondiscrimination Statement:

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online

at: <a href="https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf">https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf</a>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:

**U.S. Department of Agriculture** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. email:

program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Chair: Zaheer Arstru/Dean of Students

**Members:** 

Ashley Seck - Physical Therapist Aleta Alterkawi – Teacher

(Responsible for accessing the policy)

Nuredin Giayash – Al Café Director (responsible for implementing)

Mich Jena - Nutritionist **Crystal Isaac-Parent** 

Aleemah Muhammad -Student

This Wellness Policy was accepted by the follow Advisors:

Director of Peace Academy

**Elementary Principal of Peace Academy** 

MS/HS Principal of Peace Academy

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Date