

EAST GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Health and Wellness Subcommittee

CHARGE

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In accordance with Rhode Island General Law 16-21-28, the School Committee of each school district shall establish a district-wide coordinated school health and wellness subcommittee chaired by a member of the full school committee.

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1. Promote, support, and recommend best practice policies, programs and initiatives to enhance the overall health and well-being of students and staff. All recommendations will be made in concert with physical and health educators, school nurse-teachers and other healthcare professionals in the district to ensure that they are consistent with and aligned to current curricular standards and best practices.
2. Encourage and promote the participation, engagement, and feedback of students, teachers, and administrators.
3. Promote, support, and recommend best practice policies, programs and initiatives that meet federal and state nutrition guidelines, including the requirements of the child nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004.
4. Oversee and make recommendations regarding the District's physical activity programs, initiatives and policies for students and staff.
5. Oversee and make recommendations regarding the District's health education curriculum and instruction.
6. Provide guidance to the School Committee on policy recommendations focused on mental health issues (e.g., substance abuse, smoking, behavior code, truancy, character education, harassment, bullying, diversity, medications, the reporting of physical and sexual abuse, etc.).
7. The Health and Wellness Subcommittee's role is solely advisory in nature. Its purpose is to weigh and discuss matters relating to the health and wellness of students and faculty of the District. All documents and policies proposed by the Health and Wellness Subcommittee must receive two public readings prior to the adoption by a majority vote of the East Greenwich School Committee.

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