The Okefenokee RESA Board of Control recognizes that student wellness and proper nutrition are related to students' well-being, growth, development, and readiness to learn. The Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects student wellness, proper nutrition, regular physical activity, nutrition education and physical education as part of the total learning experience.

The Harrell Learning Center shall participate in available federal school meal programs. All foods and beverages made available on campus during the school day shall be consistent with the requirements of federal and state law. Guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the U.S. Secretary pursuant to the Child Nutrition Act and the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as those regulations and guidance apply to schools.

The Board of Control authorizes the Executive Director or designee to convene a wellness committee consisting of school system and community representatives from areas designated in federal law to participate in the development, implementation and periodic review of school wellness policies and procedures.

**Policy Reference Disclaimer:** These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Note: The State of Georgia has moved the Georgia Code. This new environment no longer allows us to link directly to the Georgia Code. For example enter 20-02-0211 in the search window and the Georgia Code will appear.

Federal Reference	Description
Rule 160-5-601	Statewide School Nutritional Program
Federal Reference	Description
42 USC 1758	Program requirements-School Lunch Program
42 USC 1758b	Local School Wellness Policy

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