PURPOSE: To meet the requirements for enrollment in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) which requires implementation of a Local Wellness Policy.

REFERENCES: The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004, final rule adopted September 2, 2009

RESPONSIBILITY: MCA Staff

PROCEDURES:

- 1. Support the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe Program's core components of Physical Training and Health and Hygiene.
- 2. Create an environment for the Staff and Students that will:
 - A. Improve the status of personal health.
 - B. Increase opportunities for healthy choices.
 - C. Provide opportunities for physical activity.
 - D. Help curb obesity.
 - E. Serve more healthy foods and beverages.
 - F. Comply with the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.
- 3. Create a team of Staff and Students to develop and evaluate the Local Wellness Policy. All Departments will contribute to the impletion of policy goals.
- 4. The Local Wellness Policy Team includes by title:
 - A. Deputy Director.
 - B. Assistant Commandant of Cadets.
 - C. Counselor.
 - D. Dining Facility Manager.
 - E. Cadet Platoon Leaders.
- 5. Focus activities will include:
 - A. Nutrition Education and Promotion.
 - Include Nutrition Education in Curriculum and on the Progress Report to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills.
 - Integrate Nutrition Education into all subject areas by Teachers, Counselors, and Cadre.
 - 3) Nutrition Topics will be available in the library for individual reading.
 - B. Physical Activity.
 - 1) Develop the knowledge and skills for a variety of physical activities.
 - 2) Develop understanding of the relationship between physical activity and good health.
 - 3) Include all Students in the President's Council of Physical Fitness Test weekly.
 - 4) Individually monitor physical fitness, conditioning and weight weekly.
 - 5) Participate in daily physical activity.
 - C. Nutritional Standards for Food and Beverages.
 - 1) Ensure that reimbursable meals meet the program requirements and nutrients standards.
 - 2) Procure healthier foods and beverages.
 - 3) Offer more site made meals and fewer processed items.
 - 4) Implement food safety practices for all food served or sold at the facility.
 - 5) No food or beverages will be offered through a school store or vending machines.
 - D. Health Activities to Promote Wellness.

- 1) Require hand washing prior to meals.
- 2) Include mental health topics in Curriculum and on the Progress Report to develop knowledge, attitudes and skills.
- 3) Create a pleasant and healthy atmosphere for eating at mealtime.
- 4) Include positive, motivating messages daily through the automated message board.
- 5) Staff will model healthy eating and physical activity.
- 6. Annual review and evaluation-
 - A. The Local Wellness Policy Team will monitor the implementation of the policy.
 - B. The Local Wellness Policy Team will evaluate the policy annually.
 - C. The Local Wellness Policy Team will survey Staff and Students to measure progress and make suggestions.