

Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

This template provides information on wellness policy goals and practices within the LEA. Use this tool to track progress and gather ideas on ways to create a healthier school environment. A separate assessment should be completed for each school or at a minimum, each school level. The wellness policy and completed assessment must be available to the public.

LEA/District Name

Reviewer

School Name

Date

Select all grades: PK ☐ K ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐

Yes No I. Public Involvement

☐ ☐ We encourage the following to participate in the development, implementation, and evaluation of our wellness policy:

☐ Administrators

☐ School Food Service Staff

☐ P.E. Teachers

☐ Parents

☐ School Board Members

☐ School Health Professionals

☐ Students

☐ Public

☐ ☐ We have a designee in charge of compliance.

Name/Title:

☐ ☐ We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe:

☐ ☐ We measure the implementation of our policy goals and communicate results to the public.

Please describe:

☐ ☐ Our district reviews the wellness policy at least annually.

Yes No II. Nutrition Education

☐ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition education.

☐ ☐ We offer standards based nutrition education in a variety of subjects (e.g. science, health, math, etc).

☐ ☐ We offer nutrition education to students in: ☐ Elementary School ☐ Middle School ☐ High School

Yes No III. Nutrition Promotion

☐ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition promotion.

☐ ☐ We promote healthy eating and nutrition education with signage, use of creative menus, posters, bulletin boards, etc.

☐ ☐ We have reviewed *Smarter Lunchroom* techniques and evaluated our ability to implement some of them.

☐ ☐ We place fruits and vegetables where they are easy to access (e.g. near the cafeteria cashier or near the front of the line).

☐ ☐ We ensure students have access to hand-washing facilities prior to meals.

☐ ☐ We annually evaluate how to market and promote our school meal program(s).

☐ ☐ We regularly share school meal nutrition, calorie, and sodium content information with students and families.

☐ ☐ We offer taste testing or menu planning opportunities to our students.

☐ ☐ We participate in Farm to School activities and/or have a school garden.

☐ ☐ We only advertise and promote nutritious foods and beverages on school grounds (e.g. buildings, playing fields, etc).

☐ ☐ We price nutritious foods and beverages lower than less nutritious foods and beverages.

☐ ☐ We offer fruits or non-fried vegetables in: ☐ Vending Machines ☐ School Stores ☐ Snack Bars ☐ à La Carte

☐ ☐ We have nutritional standards for foods/beverages served at school parties, celebrations, events, etc.

☐ ☐ We provide teachers with samples of alternative reward options other than food or beverages.

☐ ☐ We prohibit the use of food and beverages as a reward.

Yes No IV. Nutrition Guidelines (Cont. from page 1)

- ☐ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy addresses nutrition standards for USDA reimbursable meals.
- ☐ ☐ We operate the School Breakfast program: ☐ Before School ☐ In the Classroom ☐ Grab & Go
- ☐ ☐ We follow all nutrition regulations for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- ☐ ☐ We operate an Afterschool Snack Program.
- ☐ ☐ We operate the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- ☐ ☐ We have a Certified Food Handler as our Food Service Manager.
- ☐ ☐ We have adopted and implemented *Smart Snacks* nutrition standards for ALL items sold during school hours, including:
☐ as à La Carte Offerings ☐ in School Stores ☐ in Vending Machines ☐ as Fundraisers

Yes No V. Physical Activity

- ☐ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for physical activity.
- ☐ ☐ We provide physical education for elementary students on a weekly basis.
- ☐ ☐ We provide physical education for middle school during a term or semester.
- ☐ ☐ We require physical education classes for graduation (high schools only).
- ☐ ☐ We provide recess for elementary students on a daily basis.
- ☐ ☐ We provide opportunities for physical activity integrated throughout the day.
- ☐ ☐ We prohibit staff and teachers from keeping kids in from recess for punitive reasons.
- ☐ ☐ Teachers are allowed to offer physical activity as a reward for students.
- ☐ ☐ We offer before or after school physical activity: ☐ Competitive sports ☐ Non-competitive sports ☐ Other clubs

Yes No VI. Other School Based Wellness Activities

- ☐ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for other school-based activities that promote wellness.
- ☐ ☐ We provide training to staff on the importance of modeling healthy behaviors.
- ☐ ☐ We provide annual training to all staff on: ☐ Nutrition ☐ Physical Activity
- ☐ ☐ We have a staff wellness program.
- ☐ ☐ We have school district staff who are CPR certified (e.g. teachers, coaches, counselors, food service staff) .
- ☐ ☐ We actively promote walk or bike to school for students with Safe Routes to School or other related programs.
- ☐ ☐ We have a recycling /environmental stewardship program.
- ☐ ☐ We have a recognition /reward program for students who exhibit healthy behaviors.
- ☐ ☐ We have community partnerships which support programs, projects, events, or activities.

VII. Progress Report: Indicate any additional wellness practices and/or future goals and describe progress made in attaining the goals of the local wellness policy

VIII. Contact Information:

For more information about this school's wellness policy/practices, or ways to get involved, contact the Wellness Committee Coordinator.

Name		Position/Title	
Email		Phone	