

Background

Federal regulations at <u>7 CFR 210.31</u> require local education agencies (LEAs) participating in the National School Lunch Program to complete an assessment of their local school wellness policy at least once every three years and make the results available to the public. This triennial assessment must measure the implementation of the local school wellness policy and include:

- The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the LEA are in compliance with the local school wellness policy;
- The extent to which the LEA's local school wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies;
- A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the local school wellness policy.

LEAs may use a variety of methods to assess compliance and determine progress of their goals and objectives. Action planning documents that contain timelines, goals, and key tasks may assist in assessing changes over time. For example, the <u>School Health Index</u> (SHI) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a comprehensive self-assessment tool that helps with action planning and recordkeeping (a shorter version of the SHI is available from <u>Alliance for a Healthier Generation</u>), and the <u>WellSAT 3.0</u> is an online tool that indicates the strengths and weaknesses of your written policy.

Triennial Assessment Tool and Report Template

When completed in full, this form may serve as both a triennial assessment tool and public report to meet the requirements in federal regulations and prepare for the Administrative Review by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), Division of Food and Nutrition. This document is intended to be completed using LEA-level information; however, the LEA may determine that a report from each school site, or alternatively, each school level (i.e., elementary, middle, high school) works better in assessing compliance and progress over time. For larger school districts, reporting on a district level may be challenging due to variation in sites' programs and progress in attaining wellness goals. If completing this report for the entire LEA, answer questions using the best available information and consider noting individual building variations or concerns in the "notes" sections.

In the left columns, indicate whether the listed goal or practice is included in your local school wellness policy. **Bolded** policy elements are required by federal regulation. When bolded items are not in the local policy, include an explanation. This tool uses the Pennsylvania School Boards Association's school wellness policy template (available on PDE's <u>Local School Wellness Policy Information webpage</u>) as the model wellness policy for comparison purposes, but it can be used regardless of the template used to develop your local policy.

In the right columns, indicate implementation of the goal or practice at schools within the LEA. LEAs are always encouraged to develop additional policy elements and goals for schools under their jurisdiction to create a supportive environment for student nutrition and physical activity.

Space is provided at the end of the form for the LEA to describe the progress made in attaining the goals of the local school wellness policy as required.

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Yes	No	We provide all students with knowledge and skills for healthy lives via nutrition	Fully in Place	in Place	Place			
Ø	0	education. We offer age-appropriate nutrition education and activities to students in:	0	Ø	0			
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\otimes	0	Our nutrition education curriculum teaches behavior-focused skills such as menuplanning, reading nutrition labels, and media awareness.	0	0	Ø			
igotimes	0	School food service and nutrition education classes work together to create a learning laboratory.	0	0	Ø			
\otimes	0	In addition to meeting academic standards for nutrition education, we integrate nutrition education into a variety of subjects (e.g., math, science, language arts).	\circ	0	8			
\bigcirc	\bigcirc	We reinforce lifelong lifestyle balance by linking nutrition and physical activity.	0	igotimes	0			
igotimes	0	Staff providing nutrition education receive standards-based training and professional development.	igotimes	0	0			
Ø	0	We engage and involve families and the community in nutrition education efforts. Other goal (describe):	0	0				
Note	s on	goals for nutrition education: Improve K-5 Health Education, Community Gard						
		Class as an Encore Class, Coordinate w/Food Serv week	nce dur	ing K-5	Color			
		Nutrition Promotion*						
\bigcirc	0	We use evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages in school and encourage participation in school meal programs.		0	0			
(X)	0	We participate in Farm to School activities such as having a school garden, tastetesting local products, incorporating local foods into school meals, and educating students in the classroom and on field trips about local agriculture.	0	0	\otimes			
\otimes	0	We cooperate with community agencies and organizations to provide opportunities for student projects related to nutrition.	0	0	igotimes			
Ø	0	We implement behavioral economics techniques in the cafeteria to encourage consumption of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables and to decrease plate waste.	igotimes		0			
(2)	0	We display and disseminate consistent nutrition messages in schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community, and media.	\otimes	0	0			
\otimes	0,	Our staff model healthy eating in front of students and avoid using unhealthy foods in classroom lesson plans.	\otimes	0	0			
Ø	0	We offer health and nutrition resources to parents to help them provide healthy meals for their children. Other goal (describe):	0	\otimes	0			
Notes on goals for nutrition promotion: Provide Nutrition information of school menus, Educate students on the Offer vs Serve Program								
		Physical Activity*						
igotimes	0	We provide a variety of developmentally appropriate opportunities for physical activity during the school day for all students.	\otimes	© -	0			
Ø	0	We contribute to the effort to provide students daily opportunities to accumulate at least sixty minutes of age-appropriate physical activity daily as recommended by the CDC.	0		0			

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Ø	0	In addition to planned physical education, we offer activities such as indoor and outdoor recess, before and after school programs, intramurals, interscholastic athletics, and clubs to meet the needs and interests of our students.	igoremskip	0	0
\otimes	0	We maintain a physical and social environment that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students.	igtriangledown	0	0
(X)	0	We discourage extended periods of inactivity (two hours or more) for students. We provide physical activity breaks in the classroom.	00	Ø Q	0
Ø	Õ	We offer before and/or after-school programs that include physical activity for participating children.	0	Ø	0
(0	We partner with parents/guardians and community members and organizations (e.g., YMCA, Boys & Girls Clubs, local parks, hospitals, etc.) to offer programs	0	0	©
8 8 0	000	supporting lifelong physical activity. We do not use physical activity as a punishment (e.g., running laps). We do not withhold physical activity as a punishment (e.g., taking away recess). We encourage walking and biking to school.	8	000	000
Ø	0	We encourage students and families to use our physical activity facilities, such as playgrounds and ball fields, outside of school hours in accordance with school rules.	©	0	0
		Other goal (describe):			

Notes on goals for physical activity: Reinstate before school activities such as the "Morning Mile"

		Physical Education (PE)			
	0	We implement a PE program consistent with state academic standards. All students participate in PE.		0	0
(X	0	PE instruction promotes skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong physical	\bigcirc	0	0
Ø	\circ	PE classes provide the means for students to learn, practice, and be assessed on	\otimes	0	0
Ø	0	developmentally appropriate skills. Our curriculum promotes both team and individual activities.	\bigotimes	0	0
	0	We offer a comprehensive PE course of study with planned instruction time for	\bigcirc	0	0
⊘	0	students to meet standards at the proficient level. We use a local assessment system to track student progress on state standards.	\otimes	0	0
Ø	0	Students are moderately to vigorously active as much time as possible during PE class. Accommodations are made in class for documented medical conditions and	\otimes	0	0
\text{\tint{\text{\tin}\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\text{\tex{\tex	00000	disabilities. We provide safe and adequate equipment, facilities, and resources for PE class. Certified health and PE teachers teach our classes. We provide professional development for PE staff. PE classes have a teacher-student ratio similar to other courses for safe and effective instruction. We do not use or withhold physical activity as a form of punishment in PE class. Other goal (describe):	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	00000	00000

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		Other School-Based Wellness Activities*				
Ø	0	Free drinking water is available and accessible to students during meal periods and throughout the school day.	\otimes	0	0	
©	0	School nutrition staff meet local hiring criteria and in compliance with federal regulations.	©	0	0	
(3)	0	We provide continuing education to school nutrition staff as required by federal regulations.	\otimes	0	0	
Ø	0	We provide adequate space for eating and serving school meals. We provide a safe and clean meal environment for students.	®	0	0	
Q	Ŏ	We offer students enough time to eat (10 minutes sit down time for breakfast; 20 minutes sit down time for lunch) and schedule meal periods at appropriate hours.	Ø	0	0	
Ø	0	We implement alternate school breakfast service models to increase participation, such as "grab & go," breakfast served in the classroom, and breakfast after first period.	Ø	0	0	
8 8 8	0000	Students have access to hand washing or sanitizing before meals. Only authorized staff have access to the food service operation. We provide the nutrition content of school meals to the school community. We include students/parents in menu selections through taste-testing and	0 0	0 0 Ø	0000	
8 8 8	0000	surveys. We utilize outside funding and programs to enhance school wellness. We train all staff on the components of the school wellness policy. School based activities are planned with wellness policy goals in mind. Fundraising projects submitted for approval are supportive of healthy eating and student wellness.	000 Ø	0000	0	
\otimes	0	We encourage administrators, teachers, school nutrition professionals, students, parents/guardians, and community members to serve as positive role models through district programs, communications, and outreach.	0	0	igoremsize	
Ø	0	We communicate information to parents/guardians to support their efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.	0	0	\otimes	
8	0	Indoor air quality is in accordance with our healthy learning environment program and applicable laws and regulations. Other goal (describe):	Ø	0	0	
Note	Notes on goals for other school-based activities: Coordinate school activities with wellness in mind, implement school garden project, reinstate menu taste tests, encourage communication within the community with regards to Health and Wellness					
		Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages at Sc	hool			
\bigcirc	0	We consider promoting student health and reducing obesity when offering foods and beverages to students at school.	\otimes	0	0	
(0	Foods and beverages provided through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs comply with federal meal standards.	\otimes	0	0	
Ø	0	We offer healthy food and beverage options at school-sponsored events, such as dances and sporting events.	0	0		
\\	0	Foods and beverages outside of the school meal, which are sold to students at school during the school day, meet or exceed the established federal competitive food standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School). Venues include vending, school stores, non-exempt fundraisers, and a la carte items.	Ø	0	0	

	Included in the written policy?			Implemented in the school building(s)? Fully in Partially Not		
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∅	0	We limit the number of food fundraisers at school and have procedures in place for requesting a fundraiser exemption (i.e., selling foods that do not meet Smart Snacks) in accordance with limits set by PDE.	Ø	0	0	
Ø	0	We have local standards in our written policy for foods and beverages offered for free to students at school, including food rewards, items offered at classroom parties and celebrations, and foods/beverages provided to the	0	©	0	
0		class as shared classroom snacks. We provide a list of nonfood ideas and healthy food/beverage alternatives to staff and parents/guardians.	0	0	\otimes	
∅	0	Only foods and beverages that meet or exceed federal nutrition standards (USDA Smart Snacks in School) are permitted to be marketed or promoted to students during the school day. Examples: posters, vending machines, menu boards, cups for beverage dispensing, coolers, trash cans.	\O	0	0	
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Notes on nutrition guidelines for foods and beverages at school: Need for consistency with regards to the Food Policy, After-school healthy food options for late students, Healthy Vending Machine

* At least one goal for these categories <u>must</u> be included in the written policy per federal regulations.

Report on the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy (REQUIRED):

Goals accomplished for the year: Note that Covid restrictions we were recently lifted and allowing for more goals to be planned & accomplished:

- -Met all Physical Education requirements
- -Met physical activity elementary physical movement breaks in classrooms such as the Dance Moves Break, Mindfulness Breaks, classrooms held outside, face mask breaks outside, recess, yoga breaks
- -Other wellness-based activities -Mental Health Development of the Chill Room at the high school
- -Passed the PDE administration review of school breakfast & lunch meal menus requirements
- -Passed PDE smart snack review for food and beverages sold to students during the school day
- -Nutritional information and promotions shared through district social media accounts, Twitter
- -Received Child Hunger Hero award from The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank for our outstanding commitment to providing healthy meals for students and community families during the covid-19 pandemic
- -Hosted Jump Rope for heart = Physical activity
- -Hosted Community Walk for Mrs. Kline American Heart Association
- -Sport/Athletic goal Hosted Baldwin Invitational Track & Field Event
- -Hosting a Special Olympics Allegheny County Summer Games
- -Morning Mile Program Whitehall Elementary
- -Field Day Elementary schools annual outdoor physical activities planned for the entire day
- -Halloween Parades Elementary schools students participated in walking in the parades
- -Met nutritional education for students & families through PA Harvest of The Month promotion (Handouts & Menu Information) in SY 2020-2021 and provided nutritional handouts with our Covid -19 remote meal program
- -Provide grab & go breakfast meals at the high school and breakfast in the classroom program in the elementary schools.
- -We met the goal of offering alternative service to increase breakfast.