

# Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

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This template provides information on wellness policy goals and practices within the SFA. 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. Triennial assessment is required by USDA, annual assessments are strongly encouraged in New Jersey.

SFA/District Name

Policy 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

☐ ☐ Person in charge of compliance:

Name/Title:

☐ ☐ The policy is made available to the public.

Indicate How:

☐ ☐ Our policy goals are measured and the results are communicated to the public.

Please describe:

☐ ☐ Our district completes triennial reviews of the wellness policy. If more frequently, please describe:

## 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.

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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

**VI. Additional Notes:** Indicate any additional wellness practices and/or future goals used to establish a school environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. Describe progress made in attaining these goals.

**VII. 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