

Titusville Area School District 301 East Spruce Street, Titusville, PA 16354 (814) 827-2715

Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment 2023

Members of the Wellness Committee met on Thursday, May 18, 2023 to review the District's School Wellness Policy 246.

As a result, the Wellness policy will be updated to include: behavioral economics techniques to encourage consumption of whole grains, fruits and vegetable and decrease waste, provide the nutrition content of school meals to the school community, planning school activities with the wellness policy in mind and ensuring indoor air quality is a part of our healthy learning environment program.

Under implementation in the area of nutrition, the district will seek to increase integration of nutrition education into other subjects of our curriculum, increase family engagement in our nutrition efforts (monthly newsletter), participate more in Farm to School activities and provide resources to families in order to prepare healthy meals. In the area of physical activity, we will strive to add more before and after school activities for students. Under the other school-based wellness activities, we will add more water bottle filing stations, include students and parents in menu selections through taste testing and surveys, train staff annually on the components of the wellness policy during opening professional development meetings and communicate information to parents to support healthy diets and physical activity. During school-sponsored events, we will offer healthy food and beverage options. We will also provide a list of non-food items and healthy alternatives to staff and families.

Over the past three years, the Wellness Committee has been implementing the goals of the policy. The district remains strong in the area of physical activity and education and other school-based wellness activities.

Wellness Committee members May 2023 included:
Stephanie Keebler, Superintendent
Amy Herman, Administration - Director of Student Services
Michael Hlad, Director of Food Service
Marci Kelly, School Health
Autumn Kelley, Parent
Lynn Cressman, School Board
Kevin Dawson, PE Teacher
Brooke Kelley, Student
Rachel Rubaker, Community member



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;
 and
- 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 School Health Index (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 Alliance for a Healthier Generation), and the WellSAT 3.0 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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written policy?					Implemented in the school building(s)? Fully in Partially Not i		
Yes	No	Mo provide all students with knowledge and skills for healthy lives via putrition	Place	in Place	Place		
\odot	0	We provide all students with knowledge and skills for healthy lives via nutrition education.	0	0	0		
©	0	We offer age-appropriate nutrition education and activities to students in: ☑ Elementary School ☑ Middle School ☑ High School	0	0	0		
•	0	Our nutrition education curriculum teaches behavior-focused skills such as menu- planning, reading nutrition labels, and media awareness.	0	0	0		
•	0	School food service and nutrition education classes work together to create a learning laboratory.	0	•	0		
\odot	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).	0	⊙	0		
\odot	0	We reinforce lifelong lifestyle balance by linking nutrition and physical activity.	0	0	0		
\odot	0	Staff providing nutrition education receive standards-based training and professional development.	0	0	0		
•	0	We engage and involve families and the community in nutrition education efforts. Other goal (describe):	0	•	0		
Enco	ırage a	all students to start each day with a healthy breakfast. (In board policy and fully implemented)					
		goals for nutrition education: mmunication with families by sending the Nutrition Inc. montly newsletter to all families.					
		Nutrition Promotion*					
•	0	We use evidence-based techniques and nutrition messages in school and encourage participation in school meal programs.	•	0	0		
•	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		
•	0	We cooperate with community agencies and organizations to provide opportunities for student projects related to nutrition.	\odot	0	0		
0	•	We implement behavioral economics techniques in the cafeteria to encourage consumption of whole grains, fruits, and vegetables and to decrease plate waste.	O	0	0		
•	0	We display and disseminate consistent nutrition messages in schools, classrooms, cafeterias, homes, community, and media.	•	0	0		
0	0	Our staff model healthy eating in front of students and avoid using unhealthy foods in classroom lesson plans.	⊙	0	0		
•	0	We offer health and nutrition resources to parents to help them provide healthy meals for their children. Other goal (describe):	0	•	0		
		goals for nutrition promotion: ommunication with families by sending the Nutrition Inc. monthly newsletter.					
		Physical Activity*					
•	0	We provide a variety of developmentally appropriate opportunities for physical activity during the school day for all students.	•	0	0		
•	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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Yes	No		Place	in Place	Not i
•	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.	•	0	0
•	0	We maintain a physical and social environment that encourages safe and enjoyable activity for all students.	•	0	0
⊙	00	We discourage extended periods of inactivity (two hours or more) for students.	⊙	0	0
ŏ	ŏ	We offer before and/or after-school programs that include physical activity for participating children.	Ö	0	Ö
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•	\circ	supporting lifelong physical activity. We do not use physical activity as a punishment (e.g., running laps).	•	0	Ō
000		We do not withhold physical activity as a punishment (e.g., taking away recess).	000	8	8
	_	We encourage students and families to use our physical activity facilities, such as			
•	0	playgrounds and ball fields, outside of school hours in accordance with school rules.	•	0	0
		Other goal (describe):			
		Physical Education (PE)			
•	0	We implement a PE program consistent with state academic standards. All students participate in PE.	•	0	0
•	0	PE instruction promotes skills and knowledge necessary for lifelong physical activity.	•	О	0
•	О	PE classes provide the means for students to learn, practice, and be assessed on developmentally appropriate skills.	\odot	0	0
•	О	Our curriculum promotes both team and individual activities.	\odot	0	0
•	0	We offer a comprehensive PE course of study with planned instruction time for students to meet standards at the proficient level.	o	0	0
•	0	We use a local assessment system to track student progress on state standards. Students are moderately to vigorously active as much time as possible during PE	•	0	0
•	0	class. Accommodations are made in class for documented medical conditions and disabilities.	•	0	0
©	Õ	We provide safe and adequate equipment, facilities, and resources for PE class.	⊙	O	Ō
000	Ö	Certified health and PE teachers teach our classes.	⊙	00	0
	0	We provide professional development for PE staff. PE classes have a teacher-student ratio similar to other courses for safe and	⊙		
⊙	0	effective instruction.		0	0
•	O	We do not use or withhold physical activity as a form of punishment in PE class. Other goal (describe):	•	0	0
Schoo	ol Adm	inistration will minimize the use of the gym for non-instruction use. (In board policy and fully implem	nented)		

Notes on goals for physical education:

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Yes	No		Place	in Place	Place
		Other School-Based Wellness Activities*			
•	0	Free drinking water is available and accessible to students during meal periods and throughout the school day.	•	0	0
•	0	School nutrition staff meet local hiring criteria and in compliance with federal regulations.	•	0	0
•	0	We provide continuing education to school nutrition staff as required by federal regulations.	•	0	0
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•	0	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.	•	0	O
•	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.	•	0	0
0000	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	0000	0000	0000
000	0000	We train all staff on the components of the school wellness policy.	00000	0000	0000
••	0	student wellness. We encourage administrators, teachers, school nutrition professionals, students, parents/guardians, and community members to serve as positive role models	© ©	0	0
•	0	through district programs, communications, and outreach. We communicate information to parents/guardians to support their efforts to provide a healthy diet and daily physical activity for their children.	0	•	0
0	•	Indoor air quality is in accordance with our healthy learning environment program and applicable laws and regulations. Other goal (describe):	•	0	0
Increa	se con	goals for other school-based activities: nmunication by sending the Nutrition Inc monthly newsletter to all families, review the wellness police pening professional development meeting, especially fundraisers information.	су сотрс	onents witl	h all
		Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages at So	hool		
•	0	We consider promoting student health and reducing obesity when offering foods and beverages to students at school.	•	0	0
•	0	Foods and beverages provided through the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs comply with federal meal standards.	⊙	0	0
•	0	We offer healthy food and beverage options at school-sponsored events, such as dances and sporting events. Foods and beverages outside of the school meal, which are sold to students	0	•	0
•	0	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.	•	0	0

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Yes	No	We limit the number of food fundrainers at exhaul and have presedures in place	Place	in Place	Place		
•	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.	•	0	0		
•	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 class as shared classroom snacks.	•	0	0		
•	0	We provide a list of nonfood ideas and healthy food/beverage alternatives to staff and parents/guardians.	0	•	0		
•	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.	•	0	0		
		nutrition guidelines for foods and beverages at school:					
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At le	ast c	ne goal for these categories <u>must</u> be included in the written policy per federal	regulati	ions.			
Rep	ort o	the progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy (REQUIRED):					
Over the past three years, the Wellness Committee has been implementing the goals of the policy. The district remains strong in the area of physical activity and education and other school-based wellness activities. Increased communication needs to occur in the area of nutrition education, nutrition promotion and nutrition guidelines for all food and beverages at school. The District will explore adding more bottle filling stations at the high school. The District will work to increase awareness of fundraising opportunities to ensure compliance with the wellness policy.							