

Jackson County School Triennial Assessment 2021

Date of Assessment: March 2021		Name of School District: Jackson County Schools		Number of Schools in District: 10	
Nutrition Education Goal(s):		Goal Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:	
1. Promote Nutrition Education consistent with federal and state laws, standards, and regulations.		Completed	10	The Jackson County School Nutrition website and Facebook page promotes nutrition education throughout the year. School Nutrition publishes a monthly newsletter, Nutrition Spotlight, that highlights a student friendly recipe and provides additional healthy eating information.	
2. Integrate nutrition education across the curriculum.		Completed	10	Annual training is provided to school nutrition employees to coordinate school nutrition with classroom lessons and activities.	
3. Conduct nutrition education activities and promotions that involve parents, students, teachers, and the community.		Completed	10	Cafeterias have nutrition promotions throughout the year which include National School Lunch Week and National School Breakfast Week recognitions. All schools are Team Nutrition Schools and have access to Team Nutrition resources.	
Nutrition Promotion Goal(s):		Goal Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:	
1. Promote health eating habits throughout the school environment as defined by Nutrition Standards for All Food Sold in School by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.		Completed	10	Healthy eating habits are promoted within the cafeteria at each school. Guidelines for all foods sold in schools also promote healthy eating habits. Our school cafeterias feature the GADOE Harvest of the Month produce on our monthly menus. Jackson County exceeded the use of 20% of our menus being	

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			Georgia Grown as part of the GA Department of Agriculture's "2020 Vision" initiative.
2. The Nutrition Services staff will schedule the cafeteria to serve as a learning lab for nutrition education activities at least once per year (Example: creating Nutrition Advisory Council student groups, scheduling taste testing's or kitchen tours, offering nutrition educational flyers/signage in cafeteria, etc.).	Completed	10	The Georgia School Nutrition Association (GSNA) is the professional organization for school food service employees in the state of Georgia. It provides professional services and training to members, and each year it recognizes outstanding program practices. In SY 2019, the Jackson County School District received the Georgia Best Practice Award for Wellness Promotion. East Jackson Elementary also holds the honor of being recognized by GSNA as having the highest performing Student Nutrition Advisory Council for 2020, 2019, and 2018.
Physical Activity Goal(s):	Goal Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:
1. Students will develop the knowledge and competencies necessary to perform a variety of motor skills through physical activity.	Completed	10	Physical activity is promoted to make sure every student understands the importance of being physically active. Elementary students are required to have weekly P.E. classes. One half credit hour for physical education and one-half credit hour for health education is offered in middle school to eighth graders. High school offer six physical education pathways that include Weightlifting, Body Sculpture, Adaptive PE, Outdoor Education, Lifetime Sports, and Fitness for Life. Each fitness class has fitness assessment component.
2. Students will regularly participate in physical activity.	Completed	10	

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<p>3. Provide all students equal opportunity to participate in physical education classes. Appropriate accommodations will allow for equitable participation for all students and physical education classes and equipment are adapted as necessary.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>All students have the opportunity to participate in physical activity. All elementary students are required to have P.E. classes yearly. In middle and high schools, not all students choose to participate beyond required courses.</p>
<p>4. Promote and ensure varied physical activity opportunities, staff involvement, and family and community engagement that are in addition to, and not substitute for quality physical education.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>Jackson County participates in an inter-governmental agreement with the JC Board of Commissioners and partners with JC Parks and Recreation Department to provide an abundance of age-appropriate healthy physical activity to youth including, but not limited to, football, baseball, t-ball, cheerleading, basketball, and soccer.</p>
<p>Other School-Based Activities that Promote Student Wellness Goal(s):</p>	<p>Goal Status (select one):</p>	<p>Number of Compliant Schools:</p>	<p>Notes:</p>
<p>1. Support the integration of a farm to school program into the school food program and the curricular and co-curricular activities as appropriate to facilitate the nutritional and educational goals of the school district.</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>100% of our schools have garden-based activities at their schools including raised beds, hydroponic gardening, aquaponic gardening, fruit trees, farm animals, etc. We work in partnership with FoodCorps and Title IV to provide hands on farm to school activities, school gardening activities, and farmer visits that promote agriculture science. The Golden Radish Award is given to Local Educational Agencies in Georgia who are doing extraordinary work in farm to school. The Award is presented by the Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Department of Agriculture, Georgia Department of Public Health, the UGA</p>

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			Cooperative Extension, and Georgia Organics. Systems are recognized by the leaders of these five groups every October. Jackson County has been recognized at the highest level, Platinum (formally Gold) each year since inception in 2013.
2. Support employee wellness and increase wellness opportunities for employees through education and awareness by providing resources to foster positive attitudes toward healthier lifestyles while empowering staff to improve their quality of life. JCSS will provide wellness and informational resources to all employees in four primary areas: Physical Health, Nutritional Health, Mental Wellness and Financial Wellness.	Completed	10	Physical activity is encouraged for all. Schools sponsor 5K and fun runs for students and staff. Many schools sponsor fitness and weight loss challenges. Peer involvement encourages greater participation and inspire individuals to push themselves further than would on their own. The system uses COVID contact tracing to quickly identify, assess, and manage people who have been exposed to the virus to prevent additional transmission. Recognition and praise are part of the culture at JC Schools. Board of Education Members recognize Mindset Heroes and Excellence in Service honorees at monthly board meetings. The system provides access to benefits brokers and financial advisors as a resource to employees to promote financial wellness among employees. School Nutrition hosts a wellness website that emphasizes healthy eating, exercise, weight management, mental well-being, chronic disease, and COVID-19. That webpage is available to all employees at https://jacksoncoschoolsnu.wixsite.com/jcs-wellness .



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3. Follow the professional development standards set forth by the Georgia Department of Education. Opportunities for training and professional development will be shared online and/or through email and made available to all Jackson County Schools employees when feasible.	Completed	10	
Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages Sold to Students	Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:
1. Nutrition Standards for all foods sold on school campuses during the school day shall comply with Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.	Partially Completed	8	The principal, or designee, is responsible for approving all foods sold on campus (except foods sold from the school nutrition program) to students during the school day. The school day is identified as 6 am until 30 minutes after the close of the school day. The district continues to work towards 100% compliance with this policy.
Nutrition Guidelines for All Foods and Beverages Not Sold to Students <i>(i.e. classroom parties, foods given as reward).</i>	Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:
1. Schools prohibits the withholding of food or beverage, including food served through school meals as a punishment.	Completed	10	The principal, or designee, is responsible for keeping track of all non-school nutrition program foods sold on campus to students during the school day. The principal is responsible for exempt fundraiser tracking. Information is to be kept on file at each school.
2. Schools encourage fundraisers that promote positive health habits.	Partially Completed	8	
Policies for Food and Beverage Marketing	Status (select one):	Number of Compliant Schools:	Notes:

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1. Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on school campuses during the school day meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards.	Partially Completed	8	The principal, or designee, is responsible for approving all foods sold on campus (except foods sold from the school nutrition program) to students during the school day.
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Key	
Completed	select if you have met this goal at all schools
Partially Completed	select if one or more schools has met this goal
In Progress	select if you are working on the goal, but none of the schools have met the goal
Not Completed	select if you have not begun working on this goal

Wellness Policy Leadership <i>Name of school official(s) who are responsible to ensure compliance.</i>	Title and School	Notes:
1. Dr. Debra Morris	Director	School Nutrition
2. Dr. April Howard	Superintendent	Board of Education
3. Ted Gilbert	Assistant Superintendent	Operations
4. Jennifer Halley	Director	Student Support Services
5. Ronda Brewer	Lead Nurse	Student Support Services
Wellness Committee Involvement <i>List of committee members names</i>	Title and Organization	Notes:
1. Tony Sacchitello	Parent, EJMS	
2. Shantwon Astin	Parent, WJES	
3. Angela Fitch	Parent, MES	
4. Carmen Ledford	Parent, WJMS	
5. Jennifer Green	Parent, WJES	
6. Ansley Bouchier	Parent, At Large	

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7. Jason Shiver	Coordinator	Safety and Security
8. Sinda Chambers	Manager Supervisor	School Nutrition
9. Andrea Briscoe	Coordinator	Public Relations and Communications
10. Troy Johnson	Director	Student Support Services
11. Shannon Kendrix	Benefits Specialists	Human Resources
12. Emily West	Payroll/ Benefits Support	Human Resources

Public Notification <i>Where it is posted i.e. webpage, handbook, etc.</i>	How often it is updated/released:	Notes:
1. Jackson County School System Website	Annually	The Wellness Policy remains on the website year-round.
2. Jackson County School System Website	Triennially	The Triennial Wellness Policy Assessment is completed every three years. Results are posted on the website.

Optional Summary Report of Triennial Assessment

The majority of schools are in compliance 100% with the Wellness Policy. All schools have achieved the nutrition education goal, with the elementary schools doing an exceptional job incorporating farm to school lessons into STEAM/STEM programming. All schools are meeting the physical activity goals. Our greatest compliance challenge is with meeting nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold in schools. Our administrators are working to keep track of exempt fundraisers and vending machine access to improve the student health atmosphere of the schools. Jackson County Schools engage students in a variety of school-wide ancillary activities designed to share information with students related to healthy living. Our schools value social and emotional learning and uses the 7-Mindsets curriculum to focus on developing positive relationships and social skills to help children and adults to improve their socio-emotional well-being. Currently all 6 elementary schools and both middle schools implement the PBIS framework to promote, teach and recognize expected student behaviors; to promote safety throughout the school; and to support improved academic outcomes. Modifications to school activities were made due to COVID-19. The community benefited from a virtual learning format and nonstop meal service. We are very proud of the work done in response to the pandemic and the collaborative nature of the system to ensure our community received and continues to receive academic, meal, and social services support.

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