# **Multiple Site Sponsor**

#### **Local School Wellness Policy**

Sponsors participating in the National School Lunch Program and/or School Breakfast Program are required to develop a local school wellness policy that promotes the health of students and addresses the problem of childhood obesity. Wellness policies are tailored to the unique needs of each sponsor and present an opportunity to improve the health of each community.

The USDA Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) finalized regulations found at <u>7 CFR 210.31</u> to create a framework and guidelines for written wellness policies established by sponsors. The final rule required sponsors to begin developing revised local school wellness policies during the 2016-2017 school year. The revised policy was to be in place by June 30, 2017.

#### **Triennial Assessment Requirements**

Based on the July 1, 2017 required implementation of the local school wellness policy regulations, the first triennial assessments were originally due on June 30, 2020, however, USDA released an initial waiver extending the deadline to June 30, 2021. An additional extension was granted via <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a>: Child Nutrition Response #98 further delaying the deadline to June 30, 2022. Any sponsors who chose to delay the deadline to the June 30, 2022 extension date, must also complete a second triennial assessment by June 30, 2025.

The regulations found at <u>7 CFR 210.31(e)</u> require sponsors, at least once every three years, to assess compliance with the policy and <u>make the assessment results available to the public</u>. The assessment must measure the implementation of the local school wellness policy, and include:

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

To request a copy of the newest model local school wellness policy, please contact staff at the Oregon School Boards Association <u>policy services</u> department or call 800-578-6722 or 503-588-2800

# **Options and Tools for Conducting the Triennial Assessment**

Sponsors have flexibility in developing tools that will assess compliance with the specific components of their local school wellness policy. Sponsors in Oregon have the option to develop their own tool, use the <u>WellSAT 3.0</u> tool, the <u>Wellness Policy Action Tool (WPAT)</u>, or the simplified tool below.

### Step 1:

The first step a sponsor must take in conducting their Triennial Assessment is to compare their written LSWP to a model policy. The purpose of comparing a sponsor's school wellness policy to a model policy is to identify areas of strength, opportunities for improvement, and to identify where the sponsor might adopt language to make their wellness policy stronger. This is a useful exercise for school wellness committees to complete together, if possible.

# **Model Wellness Policy Comparison Results Template**

Component	Description	
Model LSWP Used for Comparison	on	
Areas of Strength	1. <b>Nutrition Education</b> . Using the formula our WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool score was 100, scoring 2's in each of the 8 categories.	
	2. Standards for USDA Child Nutrition Programs and School Meals. Using the formula our WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool score was 100, scoring 2's in each of the 10 categories.	
	3. <b>Physical Education Physical Activity</b> . Using the formula our WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool score was 100/94, scoring 2's in 15 of the 16 categories, and 1 in the remaining category.	
Opportunities for Improvement	1. Implementation, Evaluation, and Communication. Using the formula on the WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool, we scored a 75/75. We had two zeros in this category in "addresses the establishment of an ongoing district wellness committee" and "addresses the establishment of an ongoing school building level wellness committee."  2. Wellness Promotion and Marketing. Using the formula	
	on the WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool, we scored an 83/75, scoring zeros on "encourages staff to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors" and "addresses strategies to support employee wellness." We also scored a 1 on "addresses using physical activity as a reward."	
	3. Nutrition Standards for Competitie and Other Foods and Beverages. Using the formula on the WellSAT 3.0 Assessment Tool, we scored a 92/72, scoring a zero on "addresses nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students after the school day, including before/after care on school grounds, clubs, and after school programming." We also scored two ones on "addresses foods and beverages served at class parties and other school celebrations in elementary schools," and "addresses foods and beverages	
As a result of the comparison, was new language adopted in the LSWP?	□Yes □X No	

Component	Description	
If yes, briefly describe what was adopted (include page numbers for new language if possible)	This will be addressed in policy review during the fall of 2023	
Describe next steps for strengthening your LSWP	We will be addressing the Wellness Policy in the fall of 2023 with guidance from the model policy and OSBA.	

### Step 2:

The second component of the Triennial Assessment is identifying the extent to which schools within your district are compliant with the LSWP as it is written. The purpose of this is to determine whether schools within the district are following the LSWP. This helps districts identify where to provide additional support to reach the requirements included in the LSWP

To assess the extent of compliance for schools within your district, examine your LSWP as it is written, to ensure you understand the details of the policy. Identify key stakeholders from each school site to assist you, and work together to determine the best approach for conducting your assessment.

Every school and district wellness policy will look different, so it is up to the LSWP committee to determine the best approach for assessing school compliance. However, the examples listed below are common methods of assessment.

## **Extent of Compliance for All Schools with the LSWP Template**

Policy Area (Write the requirements included in your LSWP in the column below)	Not Met (Number of Schools)	Partial Compliance (Number of Schools)	Full Compliance (Number of Schools)
Nutrition Education Requirements(s)			3
Nutrition Promotion Requirements(s)			3
Physical Activity Requirement(s)			3
Other Student Wellness Requirements(s)			3

Policy Area (Write the requirements included in your LSWP in the column below)	Not Met (Number of Schools)	Partial Compliance (Number of Schools)	Full Compliance (Number of Schools)
Foods and Beverages Sold Outside Reimbursable Meals		2	
Foods Offered but Not Sold Standards		2	
Food and Beverage Marketing		2	

District LSWP Components	For the components below, indicate whether the district is in compliance.
Public Involvement	□ <b>X</b> Yes
Public Notification	□ <b>X</b> Yes
Triennial Assessment	□ <b>X</b> Yes □No

### Step 3

The third component of the Triennial Assessment is to assess and document progress made in reaching the goals outlined in your LSWP. The purpose of assessing and documenting your progress is to demonstrate that your LSWP is being implemented. This is an important step in ensuring your policy is moving from paper to practice.

The Final Rule requires LEAs to provide a "description of the plan for measuring LSWP implementation". To meet this requirement, LEAs are encouraged to develop an action plan for implementing their LSWP.

## **Progress in Reaching LSWP Goals Template**

Goal As defined by your LSWP	Was the Goal Met? Yes/ Partially/ No	What Was Achieved? Describe how you achieved this goal	Documentation Share documents (as links or attachments) used to measure LSWP implementation
Nutrition Education Goal(s)	Yes	Students received nutrition education through a variety of resources including classroom instruction, in accordance with and aligned to Oregon Health Education Standards.  Students also received consistent nutrition messages throughout the school environment in the form of signs, newsletters, menu creation, etc.	
Nutrition Promotion Goal(s)			
Physical Activity Goal(s)	Yes	Students participate in a quality physical education program which assesses student performance standards and meets the program minute requirements set forth in ODE's physical education content standards and state law.	
Other student wellness Goal(s) Nutrition Promotion	Yes	Information about available meal programs is distributed prior to the beginning of the school year. Information about availability and location of a Summer Food Service Program is also distributed.	
Additional Goal(s) Community Involvement, Outreach, and Communications Add more rows as needed	No	The District has not solicited parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, etc. to participate in a periodic review and update of the	

Goal As defined by your LSWP	Was the Goal Met? Yes/ Partially/ No	What Was Achieved? Describe how you achieved this goal	Documentation Share documents (as links or attachments) used to measure LSWP implementation
		local school wellness policy. This will be done in the fall of 2023.	

### Step 4

Once you have completed your Triennial Assessment, the final step is to share your results with the public. The purpose of this step is to ensure the school community is aware of the LSWP work. It is also a great opportunity to recruit new LSWP Committee Members. LEAs are not required to submit the report with The Oregon Department of Education Child Nutrition (ODE CNP) but should keep the report on file in their records.

You can use a variety of methods to share your report with the public including presentations, newsletters, and social media. It is up to you to determine how best to share this information. Complete the table below to indicate how and when you shared your results with the public:

**Triennial Assessment Report to the Public Template** 

Target Audience(s)	Method	Date
Families, students and staff	Website	June 26, 2023