

Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

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This template provides information on wellness policy goals and practices within the LEA. Use this tool to track progress at 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.

LEA/District Name **Texarkana ISD**

Reviewer **Christie Lammers**

School Name **Texarkana ISD**

Date **06/07/2023**

Select all grades: PK ☒ K ☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒ 4 ☒ 5 ☒ 6 ☒ 7 ☒ 8 ☒ 9 ☒ 10 ☒ 11 ☒ 12 ☒

I. Public Involvement

☒ Yes ☐ No 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

☒ Yes ☐ No We have a designee in charge of compliance.

Name/Title:

Christie Lammers Director Student Nutrition

☒ Yes ☐ No We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe: **Posted on district website**

☒ Yes ☐ No We measure the implementation of our policy goals and communicate results to the public.

Please describe: **Posted on district website**

☒ Yes ☐ No Our district reviews the wellness policy at least annually.

II. Nutrition Education

☒ Yes ☐ No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition education.

☒ Yes ☐ No We offer standards based nutrition education in a variety of subjects (e.g. science, health, math, etc).

☒ Yes ☐ No We offer nutrition education to students in: ☒ Elementary School ☒ Middle School ☒ High School

III. Nutrition Promotion

☒ Yes ☐ No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition promotion.

☒ Yes ☐ No We promote healthy eating and nutrition education with signage, use of creative menus, posters, bulletin boards, etc.

☒ Yes ☐ No We have reviewed *Smarter Lunchroom* techniques and evaluated our ability to implement some of them.

☒ Yes ☐ No We place fruits and vegetables where they are easy to access (e.g. near the cafeteria cashier or near the front of the line).

☒ Yes ☐ No We ensure students have access to hand-washing facilities prior to meals.

☒ Yes ☐ No We annually evaluate how to market and promote our school meal program(s).

☒ Yes ☐ No We regularly share school meal nutrition, calorie, and sodium content information with students and families.

☒ Yes ☐ No We offer taste testing or menu planning opportunities to our students.

☒ Yes ☐ No We participate in Farm to School activities and/or have a school garden.

☒ Yes ☐ No We only advertise and promote nutritious foods and beverages on school grounds (e.g. buildings, playing fields, etc).

☒ Yes ☐ No We price nutritious foods and beverages lower than less nutritious foods and beverages.

☒ Yes ☐ No We offer fruits or non-fried vegetables in: ☐ Vending Machines ☐ School Stores ☐ Snack Bars ☒ a La Carte

☒ Yes ☐ No We have nutritional standards for foods/beverages served at school parties, celebrations, events, etc.

☒ Yes ☐ No We provide teachers with samples of alternative reward options other than food or beverages.

☒ Yes ☐ No We prohibit the use of food and beverages as a reward.

III. Nutrition Guidelines (Cont. from page 1)

- 3 ☒ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy addresses nutrition standards for USDA reimbursable meals.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We operate the School Breakfast program: ☒ Before School ☒ In the Classroom ☒ Grab & Go
- 3 ☒ ☐ We follow all nutrition regulations for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- 3 ☒ ☐ We operate an Afterschool Snack Program.
- 1 ☐ ☒ We operate the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We have a Certified Food Handler as our Food Service Manager.
- 3 ☒ ☐ 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

V. Physical Activity

- 3 ☒ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for physical activity.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We provide physical education for elementary students on a weekly basis.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We provide physical education for middle school during a term or semester.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We require physical education classes for graduation (high schools only).
- 2 ☒ ☐ We provide recess for elementary students on a daily basis.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We provide opportunities for physical activity integrated throughout the day.
- 2 ☒ ☐ We prohibit staff and teachers from keeping kids in from recess for punitive reasons.
- 2 ☒ ☐ Teachers are allowed to offer physical activity as a reward for students.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We offer before or after school physical activity: ☒ Competitive sports ☒ Non-competitive sports ☒ Other club

VI. Other School Based Wellness Activities

- 3 ☒ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for other school-based activities that promote wellness.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We provide training to staff on the importance of modeling healthy behaviors.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We provide annual training to all staff on: ☒ Nutrition ☒ Physical Activity
- 3 ☒ ☐ We have a staff wellness program.
- 5 ☒ ☐ We have school district staff who are CPR certified (e.g. teachers, coaches, counselors, food service staff).
- ☐ ☒ We actively promote walk or bike to school for students with Safe Routes to School or other related programs.
- ☐ ☒ We have a recycling/environmental stewardship program.
- ☐ ☒ We have a recognition/reward program for students who exhibit healthy behaviors.
- 3 ☒ ☐ We have community partnerships which support programs, projects, events, or activities.

VII. Progress Report: Indicate any additional wellness practices and/or future goals and describe progress made in attaining the goals of the local wellness policy

(87+20+9)
 116/48
 =2.471
 2.42 = SCORE

1=Needs Growth
 2=Meeting Goal
 3=Exceeding Goal

29-3's 9-1's
 10-2's
 48 GOALS

VIII. 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