

#### **About the Local Wellness Policy Activity and Assessment Tool**

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) are required to have a written local wellness policy (LWP), and at least once every three years, they must assess the implementation of what is written in the policy. Some written components can be easily assessed by asking the question, "Did we do this?" while others are more difficult to measure. ADE recommends using this tool to document the exact actions you expect to be completed and determine if your LEA is doing what is written in the policy. The District Wellness Committee can use this list of actions to select from when writing goals and policies in the LWP. Note, you should select at least one action from each section; selecting all actions is not required. Some actions are pre-checked because they are requirements of operating the National School Lunch Program. ADE recommends writing each of the selected actions into your LWP. This tool is designed to be an action plan that guides your implementation and assessment of your LWP.

#### I. WELLNESS GOALS

amphasiza the school's commitment to a healthy school nutrition environment	2021 – 2022		2022	2 – 2023 202		<b>–</b> 2024
	# schools working on this action	# schools successfully completing this action	# schools working on this action	# schools successfully completing this action	# schools working on this action	# schools successfully completing this action
☑ District encourages participation in meal programs as appropriate (School Breakfast, National School Lunch, Afterschool Care Snack, etc.).		6				
☑ School meal program menus are posted on the district website or individual school sites.		6				
☑ Menus include nutrient content.	2	4				
☑ Participation in meal programs is promoted to families.	2	4				

Nutrition education teaches behavior-focused skills and may be offered as part of a comprehensive, standards-based program designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to safeguard their health and make positive choices regarding food and nutrition, or nutrition education can be offered as sequential on this individual lessons throughout the school year.	2021 – 2022		2022 – 2023		2023 – 2024	
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☑ Nutrition education is taught in the following grades:						
⊠ 9 ⊠ 10 ⊠ 11 ⊠ 12		6				
☑ Nutrition education is taught through other subjects like math, science, language arts, social sciences and electives.	1	5				
□ Health education teachers provide opportunities for students to practice or rehearse the skills taught through the health education curricula.		6				
☐ Teachers and other staff receive training in nutrition education.	5	1				

☑ Media literacy is taught with an emphasis on food and b	everage marketing.	4	2		
Nutrition education is included in health education lessons covered (best practice is to choose a minimum of 12 topics)					
<ul> <li>☑ Relationship between healthy eating and personal health and disease prevention</li> <li>☑ Food guidance from MyPlate</li> <li>☑ Reading and using the FDA's nutrition fact labels</li> <li>☑ Eating a variety of foods every day</li> <li>☑ Balancing food intake and physical activity</li> <li>☑ Eating more fruits and vegetables and whole grain products</li> <li>☑ Choosing foods that are low in fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol and do not contain trans fat</li> <li>☑ Choosing foods and beverages with little added sugar</li> <li>☑ Eating more calcium rich foods</li> <li>☑ Preparing healthy meals and snacks</li> <li>☑ Risks of unhealthy weight control practices</li> <li>☑ Accepting body size difference</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>☑ Food safety</li> <li>☑ Importance of water consumption</li> <li>☑ Importance of eating breakfast</li> <li>☑ Making healthy choices when eating at restaurants</li> <li>☑ Eating disorders</li> <li>☑ The Dietary Guidelines for Americans</li> <li>☑ Reducing sodium intake</li> <li>☑ Social influences on healthy eating, including media, family, press and peers</li> <li>☑ How to find valid information or services related to nutrition and dietary behavior</li> <li>☑ How to develop a plan and track progress toward achieving a personal goal to eat healthfully</li> <li>☑ Resisting peer pressure related to unhealthy dietary behavior</li> <li>☑ Influencing, supporting, or advocating for others' healthy dietary behavior</li> </ul>	3	3		

GOAL: PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  Physical activity is defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that result in energy expenditure. Regular physical activity in childhood and adolescence improves strength and endurance, helps build healthy bones and muscles, helps control weight, reduces anxiety and stress, increases self-esteem and may improve blood pressure and cholesterol levels. Incorporating regular physical activity in your school(s) is an important contributor to student wellness.	2021 – 2022		2022 – 2023		2023 – 2024	
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Physical Activity						
☑ Physical activity during the day (including but not limited to recess, classroom physical activity breaks, or physical education) is not used or withheld as punishment for any reason.		6				
☐ The district provides teachers and other school staff with a list of ideas for alternative ways to discipline students.	1	5				

☐ To the extent practicable, schools ensure that their grounds and facilities are safe and that equipment is available to all students to be active.		6		
☐ Through a formal joint- or shared-use agreement, indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities and spaces are open to students, their families, and the community outside of school hours.	4	2		
Schools ensure that inventories of physical activity supplies and equipment are known and, when necessary, work with community partners to ensure sufficient quantities of equipment are available to encourage physical activity for as many students as possible.	2	4		
Before and After School Activities				
☐ Students have opportunities to participate in physical activity before school.	4	2		
☑ Students have opportunities to participate in physical activity after school.	1	5		
Physical Education				
In Arizona, LEAs are recommended to review the <u>Arizona PE Standards</u> . Arizona does not have PE requirement, but the national recommendation for PE is 225 minutes per week at the secondary level (middle school and high school level).				
Secondary students (grades 6-12) are (choose one):				
Required to take one physical education credit total				
☑ Will take more than one academic year of physical education		6		
☐ Will take physical education throughout all secondary school years				
☐ Other:				
Students receive formal, age-appropriate physical education, consistent with national and state standards for physical education.		6		
Physical education program promotes student physical fitness through individualized fitness and activity assessments (via <a href="mailto:the-Presidential Youth Fitness Program">the Presidential Youth Fitness Program</a> or other appropriate assessment).	2	4		
Students are moderately to vigorously active for at least 50% of class time during most or all physical education class sessions.	1	5		
☐ Physical education teachers participate in professional development at least once per year.		6		
Physical education classes are taught by licensed teachers who are certified or endorsed to teach physical education.	1	5		
☐ Waivers, exemptions, or substitutions for physical education classes are not granted.	2	4		
☐ Physical activity may not be substituted for any other class (i.e. dance, marching band, ROTC etc.)	3	2		
Classroom Physical Activity Breaks and Active Academics				
Students are offered periodic opportunities to be physically active or to stretch in the classroom throughout the day on all or most days during a typical school week.	4	2		
☐ Teachers provide short (3-5 minute) physical activity breaks to students during and between classroom time at least 3 days per week.	4	2		
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☑ Teachers receive resources, tools, and technology with ice	leas for classroom physical activity breaks.	5	1		
☑ Teachers incorporate movement and kinesthetic learning	g approaches into "core" subject instruction when	5	1		
possible to reduce sedentary behavior during the day.					
☐ Teachers serve as role models by being physically active	alongside students whenever possible.	5	1		
Physical Activity Topics in Health Education					
☐ Middle and high school students are required to take and	pass at least one health education course.	3	3		
$oxed{\boxtimes}$ At least 12 of the following essential topics on physical a	ctivity are in the health education curriculum:				
☐ The physical, physiological, or social benefits of	☑ Preventing injury during physical activity				
physical activity  Mow physical activity can contribute to a healthy weight	Weather-related safety, for example, avoiding heat stroke, hypothermia, and sunburn while being physically active				
<ul> <li>How physical activity can contribute to the academic learning process</li> <li>How an inactive lifestyle contributes to chronic</li> </ul>	How much physical activity is enough, including determining frequency, intensity, time and type of physical activity				
disease	<ul> <li>☑ Developing an individualized physical</li> </ul>				
☑ Health-related fitness, including cardiovascular	activity and fitness plan				
endurance, muscular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition	<ul><li>Monitoring progress toward reaching goals in an individualized physical activity plan</li></ul>	3	3		
<ul><li>Differences between physical activity, exercise and fitness</li></ul>	<ul><li>Dangers of using performance-enhancing drugs such as steroids</li></ul>				
Phases of an exercise session including warm up, workout, and cool down	<ul><li>Social influences on physical activity including media, family, peers, and culture</li></ul>				
<ul><li>Decreasing sedentary activities such as TV watching</li></ul>	<ul><li>How to find valid information or services related to physical activity and fitness</li></ul>				
	oxtimes Overcoming barriers to physical activity				
others to engage in physical activity	☐ How to resist peer pressure that				
<ul> <li>Opportunities for physical activity in the community</li> </ul>	discourages physical activity				
Active Transport (best practice is to choose a mini	mum of 6)				
☐ Safe or preferred routes to school are designated.		3	3		
☐ Crosswalks on streets leading to school are used.			6		
□ Secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for bicycles and helmet are present to the secure storage facilities for the secure storage facilities facilities for the secure storage facilities fac	ent on school grounds.		6		
☐ Instruction on walking/bicycling safety is provided to stu	dents.	2	3		
☐ The number of children walking and/or biking to and from	n school is documented.	6			
☐ Maps of the school environment (sidewalks, crosswalks,	roads, pathways, bike racks) are distributed.	6			
☐ Safe routes to school program are promoted to students newspaper.	, staff, parents via newsletters, websites, and local	6			

GOAL: OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT PROMOTE STUDENT WELLNESS	2021	<b>– 2022</b>	2022	<b>– 2023</b>	2023	- 2024
	# schools working on this action	# schools successfully completing this action	# schools working on this action	# schools successfully completing this action	# schools working on this action	# schools successful ly completin g this action
School Sponsored Events						
School-sponsored events incorporate wellness components including physical activity and healthy eating opportunities.	5	1				
Relationships with Community Partnerships						
☐ Universities/colleges	2	4				
□ Local businesses	2	4				
Community Health Promotion and Family Engagement						
☑ The benefits of and approaches to healthy eating and physical activity are promoted to parents/caregivers, families, and the general community throughout the school year (i.e. the school provides information about nutrition and physical activity to parents throughout the year).	4	2				
☐ Families are informed and invited to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.	4	2				
☑ Electronic and non-electronic mechanisms are used to ensure that all families are actively notified of opportunities to participate in school-sponsored activities and receive information about health promotion efforts.	5	1				
Staff Wellness and Health Promotion						
Schools implement strategies to support staff in actively promoting and modeling healthy eating and physical activity behaviors.	6					
☐ District has a healthy meeting policy for all events to optimize healthy food options.	6					
Other Activities to Promote Wellness						
☐ Each school has a health professional on site for at least half the school day.	2	4				

# **II. DISTRICT POLICIES**

When you monitor implementation, you will report on how many schools comply with the district policies, or if the district as a whole is in compliance with the policy.

DISTRICT POLICY: SCHOOL MEALS STANDARDS	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
At a minimum, the school meal standards should meet the New Meal Pattern requirements. LEAs can establish additional standards important to the district. This section should also include standards for the meal service area, menu composition (use of local produce) and guidelines for water availability during meals.	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance

National School Lunch Program			
☐ All schools in the district participate in the National School Lunch Program.	100% (6)		
☐ Lunch meals served meet the new meal pattern requirements including minimum requirements for fruits, vegetables (and subgroups), whole-grain rich foods, meat/meat alternates and 2 varieties of milk.	100% (6)		
☑ Students are served lunch at a reasonable and appropriate time of the day.	100% (6)		
☐ Students have 10 minutes of seated time			
☐ Students have 20 minutes of seated time	100% (6)		
□ Students have 30 minutes of seated time (ADE best practice)			
☐ Students have minutes of seated time			
School Breakfast Program			
☐ All schools in the district participate in the School Breakfast Program.	100% (6)		
☐ Breakfast meals served meet the new meal pattern requirements including minimum requirements for fruits/vegetables, whole-grain rich foods, and 2 varieties of milk.	100% (6)		
☐ The district encourages schools to provide breakfast via mobile grab and go carts.	100% (6)		
School Meal Standards meet the following additional guidelines established by the district:			
	100% (6)		
	100% (6)		
☐ Fresh fruits and vegetables are served 5 days per week.	100% (6)		
□ School meals are administered by a team of nutrition professionals.	100% (6)		
Water			
☐ Free, potable water is available to all students during the meal period.	100% (6)		
☑ Water sources and containers are maintained on a regular basis to ensure good hygiene and health safety standards.	100% (6)		
☑ Students are allowed to bring and carry approved water bottles with only water in them throughout the day.	100% (6)		
DISTRICT POLICY: COMPETITIVE FOOD AND BEVERAGES	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
(FOOD SOLD TO STUDENTS)			
Competitive foods and beverages are those foods that are sold outside of and in competition with the federally reimbursable meal programs. At a minimum, LEAs must ensure all foods and beverages sold on campus, during the school day defined as midnight to thirty minutes after the end of the school, will meet the USDA Smart Snack guidelines for grades K-12. LEAs can establish additional standards.	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance
☑ Foods and beverages sold outside the school meal programs will meet the <u>USDA Smart Snacks in School</u> nutrition standards on the school campus during the school day (midnight to thirty minutes after the end of the school day). This applies to foods sold:			
☑ A la Carte (Snack Bars)	100% (6)		
☑ In student stores	33% (2)		

☑ In vending machines	83% (5)	
Student or club sponsored sales	83% (5)	

DISTRICT POLICY: CELEBRATIONS AND REWARDS	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
(FOOD SERVED TO STUDENTS)  Arizona Law (ARS 15-242) referred to as Arizona Nutrition Standards states that all food and beverages supplied at school sponsored events to students in grades K-8 must meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in Schools guidelines. The USDA's Smart Snacks in Schools and Arizona Nutrition Standards guidelines do not apply to foods brought to school in bagged lunches or for activities such as birthday parties, holidays, or other celebrations.	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance
School Sponsored Events			
⊠ Foods served to students in grades 9-12 meet (or exceed) the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, per the <u>Arizona Nutrition Standards (ARS 15-242)</u> .	67% (4)		
Classroom Celebrations/Rewards			
☐ Foods served to students during classroom celebrations and parties (holidays and birthdays) meet (or exceed) the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, per the Arizona Nutrition Standards (ARS 15-242).	33% (2)		
☐ Classroom snacks brought in by parents meet (or exceed) the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, per the Arizona Nutrition Standards (ARS 15-242).	33% (2)		

DISTRICT POLICY: FUNDRAISING	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
In Arizona, all fundraisers are exempted from the Smart Snacks guidelines when an exemption request form is submitted, per HNS 04-2015. However, regulations state that no exempted fundraiser foods or beverages may be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service. Additionally, LEAs have the authority to implement more restrictive fundraising food standards.	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance
The district has adopted the following fundraising policy:			
☐ The district allows infrequent, exempt fundraisers, where food sold on campus during the school day does not meet Smart Snacks guidelines and complies with the following:	100% (6)		
☑The district submits the exemption request form to ADE for all food-related fundraisers, intended for consumption on school campus during the school day, that do not meet the Smart Snacks guidelines.	83% (5)		
☑The district defines what it considers to be an appropriate short duration for exempt fundraisers as: not to exceed one school week or five days.	100% (6)		

DISTRICT POLICY: FOOD AND BEVERAGE MARKETING	2021 – 2022	2022 – 2023	2023 – 2024
LEAs that allow marketing of food and beverages to students must include plans and policies that allow the marketing of only those foods and beverages that may be sold on the school campus during the school day (i.e. that meet the USDA's Smart Snacks in Schools) LEAs have the discretion to enact broader policies that address marketing that occurs at events outside of school hours.	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance	% of schools in compliance
All foods and beverages advertised on the school campus during the school day meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition guidelines. These guidelines apply to (Check all that apply):			

☑ Vending machine exteriors	83% (5)	
☑ School equipment such as marquees, message boards, scoreboards, busses, etc.	33% (2)	
☐ Cups used for beverage dispensing, menu boards, coolers, trach cans, and other food service equipment	83% (5)	
☑ Posters, book covers, school supply displays, etc.	33% (2)	
☑ Advertisements in school publications or mailings	67% (4)	
☐ Free product samples, taste tests, or coupons of a product or free samples displaying advertising of a product	33% (2)	
The district has established additional guidelines for all foods and beverages marketed to students:		
As the district, school nutrition services and athletic director reviews existing contracts and considers new contracts, equipment and purchasing, decisions reflect applicable marketing guidelines established by the LWP.	0%	

# **III. DISTRICT WELLNESS COMMITTEE**

The District is required to convene a representative district wellness committee that meets to establish goals and oversee school health and safety policies and programs, including development, implementation and periodic review and update of this district-level wellness policy.

COMMITTEE ROLE AND MEMBERSHIP	2021 – 2022		2022 – 2023		2023 – 2024	
The district must notify the public of their ability to participate in the LWP process. LEAs should establish details of how the LWP will be convened and how it will operate.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
☑ District convenes a representative district wellness committee (DWC).	Х					
☑ District Wellness Committee meets annually.	х					
☐ The public is notified of their ability to participate in the district wellness committee.	х					
The public is notified of their ability to participate in the district wellness committee using the following methods:						
☑ Notices on district website	х					
☑ Electronic notice to parent/guardian	х					
□ DWC <u>actively recruits</u> representation from:						
☑ All school levels (elementary, middle, high)	х					
☑ Parents/Caregivers	х					
	х					
☑ Representative from School Nutrition Programs	Х					
☑ Physical education teacher	х					
	х					
⊠ School health professionals (nurses)	х					

	Х			
□ School board members		х		

LEADERSHIP	2021 – 2022		2022 -	- 2023	2023 -	- 2024
The district must designate one or more LEA and/or school official(s) who have the authority and responsibility to ensure each school complies with the local wellness policy. This may or may not be the same person responsible for bringing the wellness committee together and planning the meetings.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
<ul> <li>☑ There is a person designated to convene the DWC and facilitate development of and updates to the wellness policy.</li> <li>☑ Designee is Superintendent</li> </ul>	х					
<ul> <li>☑ There is a district-level official designated to ensure all schools' compliance with the policy.</li> <li>☑ Designee is Superintendent</li> </ul>	х					

# IV. IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING, ACCOUNTABILITY AND NOTIFICATION

Convening a district wellness committee and writing the policy is the first step in the LWP process. However, districts are also responsible for implementing, monitoring, and notifying the public about the LWP. Annual reviews and updates to the policy are recommended, while a thorough assessment of compliance is required every three years.

TRIENNIAL PROGRESS ASSESSMENTS	2021 – 2022		2022 – 2023		2023 – 2024	
At least once every three years, the District must assess compliance with their wellness policy and assess progress toward meeting the goals of the wellness policy.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
☐ At least once every three years, the district evaluates compliance with the wellness policy.	х					
The evaluation includes:						
☐ The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the district are in compliance with the wellness policy.	Х					
☐ The extent to which the district's policy compares to a model policy		Х				
☐ A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the district's wellness policy.		Х				
☐ The district designated a person responsible for managing the triennial assessment:	.,					
This designee is: Director, Student Nutrition Services	Х					
REVISIONS AND UPDATING THE POLICY	2021 -	- 2022	2022 -	- 2023	2023 -	- 2024
LEAs are required to update or modify the wellness policy as appropriate.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
☑ Policy is updated as appropriate.	Х					
NOTIFICATION OF WELLNESS POLICY, POLICY UPDATES AND	2021 -	- 2022	2022 -	- 2023	2023 -	- 2024

TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT  LEAs must make available to the public (1) at all times the wellness policy (2) on an annual basis, at minimum, any updates to and about the wellness policy, and (3) the Triennial Assessment which includes progress toward meeting their wellness goals and compliance with the written policy over a three year period.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Availability of the LWP						
☐ The public has access to the LWP at all times.	х					
☐ The wellness policy is posted online. The URL is: www.yumaunion.org.	х					
Notification/Availability of Revisions and Updates to the LWP						
District informs families and the public each year of basic information about the policy, including its content, updates, and implementation status. Best practice is to include last revision date on LWP.		х				
☑ District informs families and the public each year of basic information about the policy, including its content, updates, and implementation status by:		х				
☑ Notices on district website	Х					
Availability of the Triennial Assessment						
☐ The district actively notifies households of the availability of the triennial progress report.		х				
☐ The triennial assessments are available to the public. The URL is: <a href="https://www.yumaunion.org">www.yumaunion.org</a> .	Х					
RECORDKEEPING	2021 -	- 2022	2022 -	- 2023	2023 -	- 2024
The district retains the following documents to demonstrate compliance with the wellness policy.	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
Documentation kept on file includes:						
☑ Written wellness policy	х					
☑ Documentation demonstrating it has been made available to the public	х					
Documentation of efforts to review and update the policy, including indication of who is involved in the update and the methods the district uses to make stakeholders aware of their ability to participate	х					
☐ Documentation to demonstrate compliance with the annual public notification requirements		Х				
☐ The most recent assessment on implementation of the school wellness policy	Х					
☑ Documentation demonstrating the most recent assessment on the implementation of the policy has been made available to the public.	х					