

Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

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This template provides information on wellness policy goals and practices within the SFA. Use this tool to track progress and 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. Triennial assessment is required by USDA, annual assessments are strongly encouraged in New Jersey.

SFA/District Name Mercer County Technical Schools

Policy Reviewer Alan Munford, Principal

School Name Assunpink Center

Date 12/6/2023

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

Yes No I. Public Involvement

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

Person in charge of compliance:

Name/Title: Alan Munford, Principal

The policy is made available to the public.

Indicate How: Student Handbook posted on district website

Our policy goals are measured and the results are communicated to the public.

Please describe: Posted to district website

Our district completes triennial reviews of the wellness policy. If more frequently, please describe:

Yes No II. Nutrition Education

Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition education.

We offer standards based nutrition education in a variety of subjects (e.g. science, health, math, etc).

We offer nutrition education to students in: Elementary School Middle School High School

Yes No III. Nutrition Promotion

Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition promotion.

We promote healthy eating and nutrition education with signage, use of creative menus, posters, bulletin boards, etc.

We have reviewed *Smarter Lunchroom* techniques and evaluated our ability to implement some of them.

We place fruits and vegetables where they are easy to access (e.g. near the cafeteria cashier or near the front of the line).

We ensure students have access to hand-washing facilities prior to meals.

We annually evaluate how to market and promote our school meal program(s).

We regularly share school meal nutrition, calorie, and sodium content information with students and families.

We offer taste testing or menu planning opportunities to our students.

We participate in Farm to School activities and/or have a school garden.

We only advertise and promote nutritious foods and beverages on school grounds (e.g. buildings, playing fields, etc).

We price nutritious foods and beverages lower than less nutritious foods and beverages.

We offer fruits or non-fried vegetables in: Vending Machines School Stores Snack Bars à La Carte

We have nutritional standards for foods/beverages served at school parties, celebrations, events, etc.

We provide teachers with samples of alternative reward options other than food or beverages.

We prohibit the use of food and beverages as a reward.

Yes No IV. Nutrition Guidelines (Cont. from page 1)

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

Yes No V. Physical Activity

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

VI. Additional Notes: Indicate any additional wellness practices and/or future goals used to establish a school environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. Describe progress made in attaining these goals.

- Collect suggestions from students and staff for food preferences and healthy eating promotion.
- Physical Education/Health Instructor along with School Nurse can provide information on caloric content of food available.
- Physical Education/Health Instructor along with School Nurse can provide information designed to increase knowledge around nutrition and healthy eating.
- Work with school vending machine company to ensure snacks are low in fat and liquid drinks are 100% juice.
- Physical Education/Health Instructor has been promoting reading nutrition facts labels; using sugar/salt in moderation; eating more fruit/vegetables and whole grain products.
- Continue to facilitate Wellness Club to increase student and staff awareness of fitness activities.
- Continue the School Store initiative with snack options available for sale; snacks are in alignment with health guidelines.
- A Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) was initiated in 2023-2024 with after school physical activities such as bowling and ice skating.
- A student Wellness Area is being established in the Cafeteria with seating and plans for designing gaming and art display areas.

VII. Contact Information:

For more information about this school's wellness policy/practices, or ways to get involved, contact the Wellness Committee Coordinator.

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