

Local Wellness Policy Assessment Comparison to a Model Policy

The Local Wellness Policy Final Rule requires districts to assess the extent to which their Local Wellness Policy aligns with model policies at least once every three years. Use this form to assess how your policy compares to the Model Policy. Identify the areas of strength and success, as well as the areas the district wants to work on in the coming years. Share this form or include the results on the triennial assessment that is shared with the public.

District Name: Thomas County

Date: May 20, 2024

		Yes/No	Comments
1	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition education.	Yes	See Policy- Section III
2	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition promotion.	Yes	See Policy- Section III
3	Policy contains specific language regarding physical activity as part of health education.	Yes	See Policy- Section IV
4	Policy contains specific language regarding increased student activity including physical activity breaks, active academics, and before and after school activities.	Yes	See Policy- Section IV
5	Policy contains specific language regarding health education curriculum requirements on healthy eating.	No	Policy contains vague language on curriculum. There is a separate board policy on Health and Physical Education, but it does not contain language on nutrition education. Item to consider in upcoming policy revision.
6	Policy contains specific language regarding other activities that promote student wellness. This includes community partnerships, family engagement, staff wellness, and professional learning.	Yes	See Policy- Section V
7	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition requirements established by local, state and federal regulations.	Yes	See Policy- Section I
8	Policy contains specific language regarding competitive foods and beverages.	Yes	See Policy- Section II
9	Policy contains specific language regarding food use in celebrations and rewards.	Yes	See Policy- Section II
10	Policy contains specific language regarding fundraising guidelines.	Yes	See Policy- Section II
11	Policy contains specific language regarding food and beverage marketing in schools.	Yes	See Policy- Section II
12	Policy contains specific language regarding water availability and promotion.	Yes	See Policy- Section II
13	Policy contains specific language regarding promotion of healthy food and beverages.	Yes	See Policy- Section III

14	Policy contains specific language regarding staff qualifications and professional development.	Yes	See Policy- Section I
15	Policy contains specific language regarding community involvement, including outreach and communication to the community.	Yes	See Policy- Section V
16	School Food Authority (SFA) has convened a Wellness Committee.	Yes	See page 5-6 of Triennial Assessment
17	Wellness committee meets at least 4 times per year.	No	Met 3 times during the 23-24 school year
18	Committee includes representatives from all school levels and include (to the extent possible) but not limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives from school nutrition department; physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals; school health services staff; mental health and social services staff; school administrators; school board members; and the general public.	Yes	Parents, School Nutrition, PE/Health, Nurse, Counselor, Parent Involvement, School Administrators, School Board, DPH, YMCA, medical professionals, TC Resource Center, District Administrators, Students, Community Partners
19	The SFA has developed and maintains a plan for managing and coordinating the execution of the policy. This plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions, and timelines specific to each school.	Yes	See Policy – Section VI
20	The SFA has convened the district wellness committee and facilitate development of and updates to wellness policy and will ensure each school's compliance with the policy.	Yes	See page 5-6 of Triennial Assessment
21	SFA has retained records that document compliance with policy requirements.	Yes	Kept in School Nutrition office
22	SFA annually informs families and the public of basic policy information. Information included policy content, updates, and implementation status.	Yes	Information posted on Wellness webpage, https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/content/health-wellness
23	The SFA has evaluated compliance with the policy to assess implementation. The evaluation occurs triennially, and results are posted publicly. If the assessment has not occurred, determines plans for the evaluation.	Yes	Information posted on Wellness webpage, https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/content/health-wellness
24	Following the triennial evaluation, the policy was assessed and updated as needed. If this has not occurred what are plans to assess and update the policy.	Yes	Updated and Posted on Simbli and Wellness Webpage, https://www.thomas.k12.ga.us/content/health-wellness