

Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

This template provides information on wellness policy goals and practices within the LEA. 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.

LEA/District Name Whitehall City Schools

Reviewer Ginger Garner, RD,LD,SNS

School Name District Wide

Date 12/17/2024

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

☒ ☐ We have a designee in charge of compliance.

Name/Title: Ginger Garner, RD,LD,SNS

☒ ☐ We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe: Policy on the district's website.

☒ ☐ We measure the implementation of our policy goals and communicate results to the public.

Please describe: Results from the committee will be posted on the district website.

☐ ☒ Our district reviews the wellness policy at least annually.

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.
- ☒ ☐ We provide physical education for middle school during a term or semester.
- ☒ ☐ We require physical education classes for graduation (high schools only).
- ☒ ☐ We provide recess for elementary students on a daily basis.
- ☒ ☐ We provide opportunities for physical activity integrated throughout the day.
- ☐ ☒ We prohibit staff and teachers from keeping kids in from recess for punitive reasons.
- ☒ ☐ 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

Yes No **VI. Other School Based Wellness Activities**

- ☒ ☐ Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for other school-based activities that promote wellness.
- ☒ ☐ We provide training to staff on the importance of modeling healthy behaviors.
- ☐ ☒ We provide annual training to all staff on: ☐ Nutrition ☐ Physical Activity
- ☐ ☒ We have a staff wellness program.
- ☒ ☐ 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.
- ☒ ☐ 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

Look at educating teacher to not use loss of recess as a punishment.
Look at viability of an employee wellness committee/program to promote health and wellness with staff.
Review wellness plan annually and perform triennial assessment per regulations.

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