



White Plains City School District
Wellness Committee
2024 Summary of Assessment Findings

Create a brief narrative description of your district's compliance with federal requirements for written policy:

Through assessment of the District's written wellness policy, the District has a strong policy and is fully implementing practices that align with the policy related to all Federal requirements. With the latest version (2/12/2024) of the District Wellness Policy, the wording was updated and strengthened in the following two areas:

1. Ensures annual training for food and nutrition services staff in accordance with USDA Professional Standards. (Updated language Section A, 7)
2. Ensure that children who are receiving free/reduced meals cannot be identified. The District is confident that it is not possible for the students to identify those who qualify for free or reduced lunch. (Updated language Section A, 8)

Create a brief narrative description of your district's compliance with federal requirements for practice:

Through the interview process, it was determined there are 5 federal requirements where there is reference in the policy, but practice implementation is weak.

1. There is an official who is responsible for the implementation and compliance with the wellness policy at the building level for each school. The official is identified and how they ensure compliance is included.

The Principal from each school in the district shall designate at least one staff member responsible for ensuring compliance within the school building and for reporting progress to the district wellness committee, at the start of the school year.

2. Addresses the assessment of district implementation of the local wellness policy at least once every three years.

Every three years, the wellness committee will undertake an evaluation of policy implementation, using the WellSAT 3.0, and will report on outcomes that may be influenced by the policy.

3. Addresses what is included in the triennial assessment report to the public.

The wellness committee's advisory council shall prepare a report annually for the Board of Education, Superintendent, school staff, students, parents, and others in the community, evaluating the implementation of the policy and regulations and include any recommended changes or revisions, and post progress reports for public viewing on the district website.

4. Addresses a plan for updating policy based on results of the triennial assessment

Practice implementation included in #3, above.

5. Regulates food and beverages served at class parties and other school celebrations in elementary schools.
 1. **Set guidelines for the frequency and content of classroom and school-wide celebrations where food and beverages are provided.**
 2. **Ensure that school administration will encourage and promote the use of food and beverage items that meet the Smart Snack standards for competitive foods and beverages, promote non- food activities, and discourage foods and beverages which do not meet those standards, at celebrations.**
 3. **Model the healthy use of food as a natural part of celebrations.**
 4. **Encourage water instead of juices or other beverages for such occasions.**

Create a brief narrative description of your district's compliance with any additional components of your written policy:

Through interviews and assessment of the District's written wellness policy, areas were identified which are not federal requirements but would further promote wellness in the District. The District Wellness Committee will review these optional best practices, determine if there is a priority, and if so, update the policy and create a practice implementation plan.

Create a brief narrative description of your district's next steps and future goals:

The District Wellness Committee will review the assessment, highlight the strong policies and align practices, make changes where necessary, and identify areas for improvement in communication, the written policy, or practice implementation.

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