

Wellness Policy Assessment Tool

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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 Mercer County Technical School

Reviewer Dr. Phillip Crisostomo

School Name Assunpink Center/HSA

Date 05/18/2026

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.

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☒ ☐ We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe: Student Handbook posted on district website

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

Please describe: Posted to 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.

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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

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. **Tech school district**
- ☒ ☐ 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

*We collect suggestions from students and staff for food preferences and healthy eating promotion using an annual survey.
*PE Instructor and School Nurse can provide information on caloric content of food and information designed to increase knowledge about healthy eating.
*We work with school vending machine company to ensure snacks are low in fat and sugar.
*PE Instructor promotes reading nutrition facts labels, using sugar/salt in moderation; eating more fruit, vegetables, and whole grains.
*Continue to facilitate Wellness Club to increase student and staff fitness activities; incorporate physical activities in events such as school pep rallies (started 2025-2026 school year)
*Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) holds fundraising activities such as ice skating and bowling.

VIII. 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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