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Strong Policies and Aligned Practices

Our district has strong policies and aligned practices with federal requirements for nutrition education, physical education and wellness promotion.

We have skills-based, behavior-focused, and interactive methods used in nutrition education to develop student skills.

We have written physical education curriculum that is aligned with national and state standards.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR1	Does the district have specific goals for nutrition education designed to promote student wellness?	2	2	\Leftrightarrow
FR4	Is free (i.e., no cost to students) drinking water available to students during meals?	2	2	₩
FR12	Is there food or beverage marketing on the school campus during the school day? If yes, do the marketed items meet Smart Snacks criteria?	2	2	< <tr></tr>
FR15	How is the wellness policy made available to the public?	2	2	₩
FR16	Is wellness policy implementation evaluated every three years?	2	2	₩
FR17	What is included in the triennial assessment report to the public?	2	2	₩
NES8	Do you know where to access the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards to check and see if an item can be sold in school during the school day?	2	2	\$
NES14	Do students have consistent and easy access to free drinking water throughout the school day?	2	2	\$

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NE1	Are skills-based, behavior-focused, and interactive/ participatory methods used in nutrition education to develop student skills?	2	2	☆
PEPA2	Does the district have a written physical education curriculum that is aligned with national and/or state standards?	2	2	\$
PEPA4	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in elementary school receive?	2	2	\Diamond
PEPA5	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in middle school receive?	2	2	\Diamond
PEPA7	Are all physical education classes taught by state certified/licensed teachers who are endorsed to teach physical education?	2	2	$\stackrel{\wedge}{\sim}$
PEPA18	Do teachers ever use physical activity as a punishment?	2	2	₩
PEPA19	Do teachers ever withhold physical activity as a classroom management tool?	2	2	\$
IC1	Is there an active district-level wellness committee?	2	2	\Diamond

Create Practice Implementation Plan

There are areas in which we need to work on policy and practice to meet federal requirements that have been identified. Each of these areas involves how we assess the wellness policy and the use of the triennial assessment.

We will increase the representation of our wellness committee.

We will increase awareness in each school of the federal requirements and USDA Smart Snacks so that we have better alignment between policy and practices.

We will work to update our wellness policy during the 25-26 school year based on this assessment.

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		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR6	Do all competitive foods and beverages sold to students during the school day meet or exceed the USDA's nutrition standards, commonly called Smart Snacks?	2	1	
FR13	Which groups are represented on the district-level wellness committee?	2	1	
FR14	Is there an official who is responsible for the implementation and compliance with the wellness policy at the building level for each school?	2	1	
FR18	Has the wellness policy been revised based on the previous triennial assessment?	2	1	

Update Policies

We identified through our assessment that there are many areas where we have implemented wellness practices in our schools that are either (a) not mentioned in our wellness policy or (b) are only vaguely mentioned in our policy. To remedy this, and to assure all other areas are in compliance, our wellness committee will work during the 2025-20026 school year to update our wellness policy. Our goal will be to draft new

language during our meetings so that our school Board can review and approve the changes by the end of the school year.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR2	Do your National School Lunch Program meals (and, if applicable, School Breakfast Program meals) meet all federal standards for meal patterns, nutrient levels, and calorie requirements for the grade levels served?	1	2	

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FR5	Do all school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff meet or exceed the annual continuing education/training hours required by the USDA's Professional Standards requirements?	0	2	
FR7	Do all a la carte foods and beverages sold in the cafeteria meet Smart Snacks standards?	0	2	
NES1	Does the district offer breakfast every day to all students?	0	2	
NES4	Does your school use strategies to maximize participation in the school breakfast program and/ or school lunch program?	0	2	
NES7	In your district, is it a priority to procure locally produced foods for school meals?	0	2	
NES9	Are you familiar with any state laws allowing exemptions for school-sponsored fundraisers during which foods and beverages do not have to meet Smart Snacks?	0	2	
NES11	Do all foods or beverages SERVED (not sold) to students after the school day on school grounds (including aftercare, clubs, and afterschool programming) meet federal nutrition standards (e.g., CACFP or Smart Snacks)?	0	2	
NE2	Do all elementary school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	1	2	
NE3	Do all middle school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	1	2	
NE4	Do all high school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	1	2	
NE5	Is nutrition education integrated into other subjects beyond health education?	0	2	

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NE7	Does nutrition education address agriculture and the food system?	0	2	
PEPA1	Does the district have a written physical education curriculum that is implemented consistently for every grade?	1	2	
РЕРАЗ	How does your physical education program promote a physically active lifestyle?	0	2	
РЕРА6	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in high school receive?	0	2	
PEPA8	Is ongoing professional development offered every year for PE teachers that is relevant and specific to physical education?	1	2	
РЕРА9	What percentage of students do you estimate do not take PE each year due to exemptions?	0	2	
PEPA10	What percentage of students do you estimate do not take PE each year due to substitutions?	0	2	
PEPA11	Are there opportunities for families and community members to engage in physical activity at school?	1	2	
PEPA12	Are there opportunities for all students to engage in physical activity before and after school?	0	2	
PEPA13	Is there daily recess for all grades in elementary school?	0	2	
PEPA14	Do teachers provide regular physical activity breaks for students in the classroom?	1	2	

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PEPA16	What proportion of students walk or bike to school?	0	2	
PEPA17	Are teachers encouraged to use physical activity as a reward for students?	0	2	
EW1	Are there strategies used by the school to support employee wellness?	0	2	
IC2	Is there an active school-level wellness committee?	0	2	

Opportunities for Growth

We had seven areas identified as opportunities for growth. The school wellness committee will review each item in order to best implement policy that reflects the values of our schools and community.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR11	Does your district regulate foods and beverages served at class parties and other school celebrations in elementary schools?	1	1	
NES5	Are marketing strategies used to promote healthy food and beverage choices in school?	1	1	
NES6	Do students have at least 10 minutes to eat breakfast and at least 20 minutes to eat lunch, counting from the time they are seated?	0	1	
NES10	Are foods or beverages containing caffeine sold at the high school level?	0	0	
NES13	Do teachers or school staff give students food as a reward?	0	0	

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NE6	Do school nutrition services staff members use the following methods to collaborate with teachers to reinforce nutrition education lessons taught in the classroom?	0	1	
EW2	Are school staff encouraged to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors in front of students?	0	1	

Key

Strong Policies and Aligned Practices - District has a strong policy and is fully implementing practices that align with the policy

Create Practice Implementation Plan - District has a strong or weak policy, but practice implementation is either absent or limited

Update Policies Update Policies - District is fully implementing a practice but there is no or only weak language in the written policy, or the district is partially implementing practices and there is no language in the policy

Opportunities for Growth - District has either not addressed the topic in policy or practice; or has only addressed the topic in a very limited way

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