

Wellness School Assessment Tool

THE ASSESSMENT TOOL





NE1: Includes goals for nutrition education that are designed to promote student wellness.

Federal Rule language states that policies must include "specific goals for nutrition promotion and education, physical activity, and other school-based activities that promote student wellness."

0	Either no goals for nutrition education are mentioned or policy clearly detracts from requirement
1	Any of the following:
	Nutrition education goal is implied
	 Policy only repeats the language of the federal wellness requirement regarding nutrition education
	 Policy only mentions "total learning environment" language and no other NE-related language included
	Examples:
	"The district is committed to nutrition education"
	 "Includes goals for nutrition educationdesigned to promote student wellness in a manner that the local education
2	agency deems is appropriate" (and no other NE goals are stated)
	"Enable students, through a comprehensive curriculum, to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy lifestyl
	choices."
	Clear that there are specific goals for nutrition education.
	Example: "Nutrition lessons are integrated into the curriculum and the health education program."

NE2: Nutrition education teaches skills that are behavior focused, interactive, and/or participatory.

0	Not mentioned
	Nutrition education for development of behavioral skills is suggested.
	Specific skills are mentioned but none are required
	Skills based nutrition education is suggested outside the NE section of the policy
	Examples:
	All students should have the skills necessary to make nutritious food choices."
	 "Students will receive nutrition education that fosters the adoption and maintenance of healthy eating behaviors."
2	Statement that skill-based nutrition education is required OR specific skills are identified and required (e.g., media awareness,
_	menu planning, reading nutrition facts labels).
	Examples:
9	 "Nutrition education will incorporate lessons helping children acquire skills for reading food labels and menu planning."
	 "Schools will provide nutrition education lessons that cover topics such as reading a Nutrition Facts label."
	"Nutrition education will provide the knowledge and skills necessary to promote health."

NE3: All elementary school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education (mark as N/A if district does not have elementary schools).

0	Not mentioned
1	Suggested. It is unclear if all elementary school students will receive nutrition education Example: "Nutrition lessons will be designed for integration into the curriculum and the health education program.
2	Required. It is clear that all elementary students will receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education
	Example: "Nutrition topics shall be integrated within the comprehensive health education curriculum and taught at every grade level (K-12)."

NE4: All middle school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education (mark as N/A if district does not have middle schools).



Not mentioned

Suggested. It is unclear if all middle school students will receive nutrition education

Example: "Nutrition lessons will be designed for integration into the curriculum and the health education program.



Example: "Nutrition topics shall be integrated within the comprehensive health education curriculum and taught at every grade level (K-12)."

NE5: All high scho	ool students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education (mark as N/A if district does not have high schools).
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/1	Suggested. It is unclear if all high school students will receive nutrition education Example: "Nutrition lessons will be designed for integration into the curriculum and the health education program.
2	Required. It is clear that all high school students will receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education Example: "Nutrition topics shall be integrated within the comprehensive health education curriculum and taught at every grade level (K-12)."

6: Nutrition e	education is integrated into other subjects beyond health education.
0	Not mentioned
1	Vague and/or suggested Examples:
	 "will encourage teachers to integrate nutrition education into the broader curriculum."
	 "Staff shall teach, encourage, and support healthy eating by students by providing nutrition education and engaging nutrition promotion for all grade levels throughout the school day in a number of different instructional settings. Instruction shall be integrated and include information about nutrition, exercise, and/or healthy choices that"
	"Instructional staff are encouraged to integrate nutritional themes into daily lessons when appropriate."
(2)	Requires that nutrition education be integrated into other subjects.
	Examples:
	 "Nutrition education will be integrated into mathematics classes."
	 "Nutrition education will be integrated into the broader curriculum, where appropriate."
	"Nutrition education is integrated into cooking lessons."

NE7: Links nutrit	tion education with the food environment.
0	Not mentioned
	Vague and/or suggested Example: "The entire school environment, not just the classroom, shall be aligned with healthy school goals to positively influence a student's understanding, beliefs, and habits as they relate to good nutrition and regular physical activity."
2	Requires that nutrition education be integrated into the larger school environment in concrete ways Example: "The nutrition education program shall work with the school meal program to develop school gardens and use the cafeteria as a learning lab."

NE8: Nutr	tion education addresses agriculture and the food system.
0	Not mentioned
1	Vague and/or suggested
2	Example: "School gardens and nutrition instruction are encouraged as part of the academic curriculum." Statement that students will receive education about agriculture and the food system through specific activities
_	Examples:
	"Each school will establish a garden club."
	 "The nutrition education curriculum will use the school garden as a teaching tool." "Field trips: Children will have an opportunity to visit local farms where produce is purchased for school meals."

SM1: Assures compliance with USDA nutrition standards for reimbursable school meals. Federal Rule language states that local educational agencies must set "standards and nutrition guidelines for all food and beverages sold to students during the school day" that "are consistent with

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	application is also available on the district website."
6M6: Specifies str	ategies to increase participation in school meal programs.
0	Not mentioned
1	Mentions vague and/or suggested strategies Examples: School meals shall be made attractive to students by appealing to their taste preferences." To the extent possible, school and transportation schedules shall be designed to encourage participation in school
A	meal programs."
2	Requires specific strategies, such as limiting access to competitive foods in the cafeteria, requiring that all high school students have a scheduled lunch period, prohibiting students from promotional mailings or events, use of Smarter Lunchroom strategies, altered bus schedules, student input on the menu, "Grab and Go" or Breakfast in the Classroom
	Examples: • "Students will have the opportunity to provide input on local, cultural, and ethnic favorites."
	"Shall provide periodic food promotions to encourage taste testing of healthy new foods being introduced on the menu."
	 "Morning bus routes will be scheduled to allow students to arrive at school in time to eat breakfast."
	 "Tutoring, club or organizational meetings will not be scheduled during the lunch period unless students are allowed to purchase lunch to be consumed during meetings"
	 "The district shall use the USDA's Smarter Lunchroom tools and other resources available on the USDA website."
	 "The district discourages consumption of competitive foods in place of school meals by limiting competitive food choice during mealtimes in the cafeteria."
	"Snack foods may not be purchased during meals."

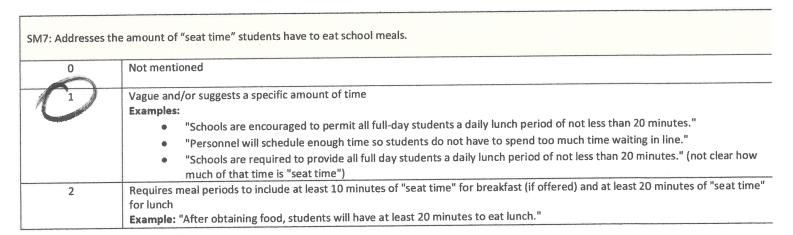
Example: "Parents should be informed that the application is available online and should be completed by..."

Example: "Applications for free/reduced priced meals are sent home to all families at the beginning of the school year. The

Vague/suggested

Clear procedure for providing information is in place

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charge in the place	nking water is available during meals. Federal Rule language states that schools "must make potable water available to children at no where lunches are served during the meal service, consistent with amendments made by section 203 of the HHFKA, and in the takfast meal service."
0	Not mentioned
	Drinking water is available, but accessibility is unclear Example: "Drinking water is available in the cafeteria upon request." "Water should be available in the cafeteria." Free drinking water is available for self-service in the cafeteria Examples: Water fountains or water filling stations are available in all cafeterias." Water jugs and cups will be present in the cafeteria and supervisory staff will allow students to access water throughout the meal period." "Free water will be available in the cafeteria during meal times."

Training requirements include: new and current directors: 12 hours; new and current managers: 10 hours; new and current staff: 6 hours. Requirement information available at: https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-03-02/pdf/2015-04234.pdf.

O Not mentioned

Training suggested, but unclear if USDA requirement is met

Examples:

• "All food service personnel will have adequate training in food service operations."

• "All food service personnel shall receive pre-service training in food service operations."

2 It is clear that USDA requirement for training and/or continuing education is being met.

Examples:

• "The USDA Professional Standards for State and Local Nutrition Programs are followed to ensure that professional development in the area of food and nutrition is provided for food service directors, managers and staff. New and current food service directors must have at least 12 hours; new and current managers must have at least 10 hours; new and current staff must have at least 6 hours"

• "All school nutrition program directors, managers and staff will meet hiring and annual continuing education/training requirements in the USDA Professional Standards for Child Nutrition Professionals. These school nutrition personnel will

refer to USDA's Professional Standards for School Nutrition Standards website to search for training that meets their

BM9: Ensures annual training for food and nutrition services staff in accordance with USDA Professional Standards.

learning needs."



SM10: Addresses purchasing local foods for the school meals program. Procurement is one of the three components of the farm to school program. Procurement is defined as local foods that are purchased, promoted, and served in the cafeteria or as a snack or taste-test. USDA farm to school program available at: https://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school

0	Not mentioned
	Mentions vague and/or suggested strategies Examples:
	 "Schools are encouraged to make available locally grown produce available."
	 "Schools are encouraged to source fresh fruits and vegetables from local farmers where practicable."
2	Local foods will be purchased and promoted
	Examples:
	 "School meals will include fresh, locally-grown foods in school meals from farms engaged in sustainable practices whenever possible and these foods will be promoted in the cafeteria."
	"Cafeteria will regularly provide taste tests for locally grown products."

NS1: Addresses compliance with USDA nutrition standards (commonly referred to as Smart Snacks) for all food and beverages sold to students during the school day. The school day begins at midnight the night before and goes until 30 minutes after the final bell. Federal Rule language states that policies must contain "standards and nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on each participating school campus under the jurisdiction of the local educational agency."

0.	Not mentioned
1	 Vague and/or suggested. Any of the following: Specifies meeting nutrition standards for competitive foods, but does not show: specific standards that document compliance OR specify USDA Smart Snacks OR specify federal requirements. Lists some, but not all standards/ implies partial compliance
	Requires Smart Snacks for foods or beverages, but not both.
	Examples:
	 "All foods sold to students outside of school meals shall meet district nutrition standards" (district nutrition standards do not meet Smart Snacks)
	"All beverages sold must meet Smart Snack nutrition standards."

2	All foods and beverages sold to students during the school day are required to meet or are in compliance with USDA Smart Shacks federal nutrition standards or specific standards are named that imply compliance.
	Examples:
	 "The district is in compliance with all federal and state nutrition standards for all foods served in schools."
	 "Guidelines from USDA's Final Rule: Nutrition Standards for All Food Sold in School standards apply to a la carte in the cafeteria, in-school stores, snack bars, vending machines, and any other venues where food or candy may be sold on school campuses during the school day, including fundraisers, beginning July 1, 2014"

NS2: USDA Smart	Snack standards are easily accessed in the policy.
0	Not mentioned
1	USDA Smart Snacks are mentioned without a link to the full regulation
	Example: "The District will follow the Smart Snacks in School standards for all food and beverages sold to students on school
	campus during the school day." (no link or full description of standards are provided)
2	The complete Smart Snack standards are included in the policy or an active web link is provided



	ites food and beverages sold in a la carte. If a policy requires that "all food sold" or "all food and beverages made available" meet indards, or competitive foods are not allowed to be sold, NS3 should be coded as a 2.
0	Not mentioned or language such as "The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside of the federally regulated child nutrition programs". (i.e., a la carte, vending, student stores, rewards, fundraising, etc.)
1	Recommended/limited to either of the following:
	 A la carte regulations or umbrella statement regulating "all (competitive) foods" is vague, suggested, time- or location- specific, subject to principal's discretion, or weakened by other exceptions
	A la carte nutrition standards are required, but do not meet the level of Smart Snacks
	Examples:
	 "Food service shall strive to include some healthy choices (choices listed) for all a la carte food sales."
	 "All foods and beverages sold must meet nutrition standards for fat, sugar, and calories. Only water, milk, and 100% juice may be sold." (requirements don't meet Smart Snacks)
2	Requires either Smart Snacks or competitive food and beverage sales are banned during the school day (or just within the a la
W	carte lines)
THE REAL PROPERTY.	Examples:
	 "It is the policy of the School District that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property under the jurisdiction of the district will meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meal and Smart Snacks in School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards."
	 "All food items served or offered (for sale) to students during the school day (from the midnight prior, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day) will meet all federal, state, and local standards for all nutrient and competitive food guidelines."
	 "The sale of F&B is limited to F&B sold through the school meal program."
	"No competitive foods or beverages may be sold during the school day."

NS4: Regula	ates food and beverages sold in vending machines. If a policy requires that "all food sold" or "all food and beverages made available" ks standards, or competitive foods are not allowed to be sold, NS4 should be coded as a 2.
0	Not mentioned or language such as "The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside of the federally regulated child nutrition programs." (i.e., a la carte, vending, student stores, rewards, fundraising, etc.)
1	Recommended or limited to either of the following:

Examples: "Food service shall strive to include some healthy choices (choices listed) for all a la carte food sales." "All foods and beverages sold must meet nutrition standards for fat, sugar, and calories. Only water, milk, and 100% juice may be sold." (requirements don't meet Smart Snacks) Requires either of the following: Smart Snacks Competitive food and beverage sales are banned during the school day (or just vending machines) Examples: "It is the policy of the School District that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property

School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards."

"All vending machines will be turned off during the school day."
"No competitive foods or beverages may be sold during the school day."

guidelines."

under the jurisdiction of the district will meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meal and Smart Snacks in

"All food items served or offered (for sale) to students during the school day (from the midnight prior, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day) will meet all federal, state, and local standards for all nutrient and competitive food

NS5: Regulates food and beverages sold in school stores. If a policy requires that "all food sold" or "all food and beverages made available" meet Smart Snacks standards, or competitive foods are not allowed to be sold, NS5 should be coded as a 2. Not mentioned or language such as "The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside of the federally regulated child nutrition programs." (i.e., a la carte, vending, student stores, rewards, fundraising, etc.) Recommended or limited to either of the following: School store regulations or umbrella statement regulating "all (competitive) foods" is vague, suggested, time- or locationspecific, subject to principal's discretion, or weakened by other exceptions School store nutrition standards are required, but do not meet the level of Smart Snacks. **Examples:** "Food service shall strive to include some healthy choices (choices listed) for all a la carte food sales." "All foods and beverages sold must meet nutrition standards for fat, sugar, and calories. Only water, milk, and 100% juice may be sold." (requirements don't meet Smart Snacks) Requires either of the following Smart Snacks or competitive food and beverage sales are banned during the school day (or just within school stores) **Examples:** "It is the policy of the School District that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property under the jurisdiction of the district will meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meal and Smart Snacks in School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards." "All food items served or offered (for sale) to students during the school day (from the midnight prior, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day) will meet all federal, state, and local standards for all nutrient and competitive food guidelines." "This district does not allow for the operation of school stores until 30 minutes after the end of the school day." "No competitive foods or beverages may be sold during the school day."

NS6: Addresses fundraising with food to be consumed during the school day.

If a policy requires that "all food sold" or "all food and beverages made available" meet Smart Snacks standards, or competitive foods are not allowed to be sold, NS6 should be coded as a 2. Smart Snacks applies to food and beverages sold as fundraiser during the school day. State agencies may adopt a policy that allows for exemptions to this requirement for infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers. The next variable (NS7) will capture whether or not those exemptions apply. Please indicate whether your district's nutrition standards apply to fundraising with food to be consumed during the school day here.

O Not mentioned or language such as "The district shall monitor all food and beverages sold or served to students, including those available outside of the federally regulated child nutrition programs. (i.e., a la carte, vending, student stores, rewards, fundraising, etc.)

Recommended or limited to either of the following:

Fundraiser regulations or umbrella statement regulating "all (competitive) foods" is vague, suggested, time- or locationspecific, subject to principal's discretion, or weakened by other exceptions Fundraiser nutrition standards are required, but do not meet the level of Smart Snacks. **Examples:** "Food service shall strive to include some healthy choices (choices listed) for all fundraisers." "All foods and beverages sold must meet nutrition standards for fat, sugar, and calories. Only water, milk, and 100% juice may be sold." (requirements don't meet Smart Snacks) Requires either Smart Snacks or competitive food and beverage sales are banned during the school day (or just fundraisers) 2 **Examples:** "It is the policy of the School District that all foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on any property under the jurisdiction of the district will meet the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) school meal and Smart Snacks in School (Smart Snacks) nutrition standards." "All food items served or offered (for sale) to students during the school day (from the midnight prior, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day) will meet all federal, state, and local standards for all nutrient and competitive food guidelines." "There will be no food-related fundraisers held during the school day. "No competitive foods or beverages may be sold during the school day."

NS7: Exemptions for infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers.

Under Smart Snacks, your state may have adopted an exemption policy that allows for a certain number of infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers during which foods and beverages sold do not have to meet Smart Snacks. If your state allows exemptions, it provides the maximum number of exempt fundraisers allowed. However, your school district may have adopted language that limits this number even further, or prohibits exempt fundraisers all together.

0	Not mentioned
	Some number of exemptions for infrequent fundraisers are allowed during which foods and beverages sold do not have to meet
	the Smart Snacks nutrition standards.
	Example: Smart Snacks nutrition standards apply to all foods and beverages sold to students through district-sponsored
	fundraisers, unless an exemption applies. Each school will be allowed to hold 3 exempt fundraisers per school year during which
	any food or beverages may be sold.
2	Zero fundraiser exemptions are allowed
	Example: All fundraisers held during the school day must meet Smart Snacks. There are no exemptions

NS8: Addresses foods and beverages containing caffeine at the high school level. Use N/A if no high school in district. As of 2014, USDA Smart Snacks standards prohibit the sale of foods and beverages containing affeine in elementary and middle schools. However, high schools are allowed to sell caffeinated beverages.

caffeinated bev	erages.
0	Not mentioned
1	Recommends or suggests high schools not sell roods and/or beverages with caffeine.
	Example: "High school principals are encouraged to limit the sale of beverages with caffeine to high school students (e.g. coffee
	from the school store)."
2	Either of the following: Prohibits the sale of foods and/or beverages containing caffeine (with the exception of trace amounts of naturally occurring caffeine) at all grade levels, during the school day; or requires high schools to follow the stricter Smart Snack beverage standards for middle schools.
	Examples:
	 "USDA Smart Snack standards for beverages sold in elementary and middle schools shall also be applied in high schools."
	 "Beverages containing caffeine will not be sold on the high school campus."
	 "Only water, milk, and 100% juice shall be sold to students during the school day."

NS9: Regulates food and beverages served at class parties and other school celebrations in elementary schools. Use N/A if no elementary schools in district.



Not mentioned OR the foods and beverages served are specifically exempted from any district nutrition standards.

Any of the following:

Regulations for class parties are required but weakened (e.g., by allowing one traditional party food.)

	times (e.g., limiting to fruits and whole grains). Examples: The district shall provide parents with a list of allowable party foods that meet the Smart Snack standards. The district will regulate all food and beverages served during classroom activities." Classroom parties, celebrations, etc. shall be limited to one snack and one beverage from a list of Smart Snack allowable items."
2	No food is served during class celebrations. Examples: Classroom celebrations will focus on activities, rather than food. No food will be served." Due to concerns about food safety and foot allergies, children will be recognized on their birthdays by being given special privileges, such as being line leader or teacher's helper for the day. No food will be brought into the classroom."

	s nutrition standards for all foods and beverages served to students after the school day, including, before/after care on school grounds school programming.
0	Not mentioned or only mentions participate in a program (e.g., CACFP) without stating that program nutrition standards will be followed.
1	Nutrition standards apply to before/aftercare, but they are weaker than CACFP or Smart Snack standards. Example: "Only healthy snacks will be served to students in after school programs."
2	Requires that foods and beverages served to students in before/aftercare, whether run by the school or an outside party (e.g., YMCA) will meet CACFP nutrition standards OR Smart Snacks standards. Policy may state that one of these specific nutrition standards are followed, or may list the specific standards, providing evidence that they are followed. Example: "Snacks in aftercare are served via the Child and Adult Care Food Program and meet the requirements of that program.

	nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold to students after the school day, including before/after care on school grounds, school programming.
0	Not mentioned
1	Nutrition standards apply to extended day, but they are weaker than Smart Snack standards.
	 Examples: "Only healthy snacks will be sold to children participating in on-site programs after school ends."
	 "Snacks sold to students during after school programs must be less than 200 calories and be low in sugar and sodium."
(2)	Requires that foods sold during the extended school day meet or exceed Smart Snacks nutrition standards. Policy must either stat that Smart Snacks or federal nutrition standards are used OR document compliance by providing a list of the nutrition standards.
	Examples:
	 "Snacks sold to children participating in on-site programs after school ends will meet USDA Smart Snack nutrition standards."
	 "All snacks sold to students during after school programs will meet the same nutrition standards as foods sold during the school day."

: Addresse	s food not being used as a reward.
0	Not mentioned OR only allows healthy food to be used as a reward.
	Discourages food as a reward. Examples: "strongly discourage the use of food/beverages as a reward or punishment." "will encourage non-food alternatives as rewards."
	"Food should not be used as a reward."
2	Prohibits food as a reward. Prohibition of food as a reward with the exception of Individual(ized) Academic Plans (IAP) or Individual(ized) Education Plans (IEP) still qualifies for a rating of "2."
	 Examples: "Food rewards or incentives shall not be used in classrooms to encourage student achievement or desirable behavior.
	"The use of food or candy as a classroom reward in any school is prohibited."
	"Schools will not use food or beverages as rewards for academic, classroom, or sports performances."

NS13: Addresses availability of free drinking water throughout the school day.

0	Not mentioned or only mentions water availability where means are served.
1	Availability of free water is suggested or encouraged.
	 Examples: "Water should be accessible during hours of school operation through choices such as drinking fountains or vending machines."
	"Schools are encouraged to provide drinking fountains throughout the school campus."
2/	Free water is always available. Examples:
	 "Students and staff will have access to free, safe, and fresh drinking water throughout the school day." "Drinking water fountains will be made available to students and staff throughout the school building." "Students will be provided free access to drinking water throughout the school day." "Students are allowed to bring in bottled water from home."

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PEPA1: Th	nere is a written physical education curriculum for grades K-12.
0	Not mentioned
	Vague and/or suggested Example: "Physical education will enable students to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain physical fitness, participate in physical activities and make healthy lifestyle choices."
2	Clear that school district has a written physical education curriculum for each grade K-12 (e.g., policy describes a comprehensive physical education curriculum- for "K-12," "all levels," or "all students"). Example: "The school district's comprehensive, standards-based physical education curriculum identifies the progression of skill development in grades K-12. Physical education curriculum revision will follow a formally established periodic review cycle congruent to other academic subjects."
PEPA2: The writ	ten physical education curriculum for each grade is aligned with national and/or state physical education standards. Not mentioned
	Vague and/or suggested Example: The physical education curriculum should follow existing standards."
2	Required. School district requires the written physical education curriculum to be aligned with state and/or national physical education standards Example: "The physical education curriculum for grades K-12 will be aligned with established state physical education standards.
PEPA3: Physical	education promotes a physically active lifestyle.
0	Not mentioned
	Any of the following: Suggests that physical education promotes a physically active lifestyle Suggests NASPE standards Suggests that physical education programs focus on self-assessment Example: "Physical education programs should promote an active lifestyle"
2	Required. Any of the following: Requires physical education to teach lifetime activities Requires schools to follow NASPE standards Focuses on self-assessment through a "Fitnessgram" or "Activity gram" Examples: "Schools will provide physical education that fosters lifelong habits of physical activity."

"Shall provide all students physical education that teaches them the skills needed for lifelong physical fitness."

"Physical education shall focus on personal fitness."

0	Not mentioned
(1)	Vague and/or suggested OR requires less than 150 minutes/week of physical education.
	Examples:
	"Elementary schools should provide 150 minutes per week of physical education instruction."
	 "All students in grades one through eight are required to complete an average of one hundred instructional minutes per week of physical education."
2	Required. School district requires 150 minutes/week of physical education instruction for all elementary school students through
	the entire school year
	Example: "All elementary school students shall receive 150 minutes per week of physical education instruction throughout the
	school year."
\5: Address	es time per week of physical education instruction for all middle school students. Use N/A if no middle schools in district.
0	Not mentioned
1	Vague and/or suggested OR requires less than 225 minutes/week of physical education
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	 "All students in grades one through eight are required to complete an average of one hundred instructional minutes
	per week of physical education."
2	Required. Clear that school district requires 225 minutes/week of physical education instruction for all middle school students
	through the entire school year
	Example: "All middle school students shall receive 225 minutes per week of physical education instruction throughout the school
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2	Required. Clear that all physical education teachers are required to receive annual professional development specific to physical
	education/physical activity content
	Example: "The school district shall provide all physical education teachers with annual professional development opportunities
	that are focused on physical education/physical activity topics and competencies specifically for physical education teachers."

PEPA9: Addresses physical education exemption requirements for all students. An exemption is when students are permitted to not take PE because of enrollment in other courses such as math, science or vocational training. This does not include exemptions due to disability, religious or medical reasons.

	Not mentioned
	Vague and/or suggested: School district discourages exemptions from PE due to taking other courses or training. Examples:
	 "The school district discourages students from taking driver's education in place of required physical education." "Unless otherwise exempted, all students will be required to engage in the District's physical education program."
2	Required. Clear that school district prohibits students from being exempt from PE for other courses or vocational training Example: "Schools may not allow students to be exempt for required physical education class time or credit."
	NAM

PEPA10: Addresses physical education substitution for all students. A substitution is when students are permitted to not take PE because they are engaged in another physical activity such as JORTC or other school sports.

0	Not mentioned or allows exemptions Example: JROTC may be substituted for the 1/2 credit of PE required to graduate from high school."
1	Vague and/or suggested: School district discourages exemptions from PE due to taking other courses or training Example: "The school district discourages students from substituting other school or community activities for physical education
	class time or credit in place of required physical education."
2	Required. Clear that school district prohibits students from being exempt from PE for other school or community activities for
	physical education class time or credit.
	Example: "There will be no substitutions allowed for the physical education time requirement."

PEPA11: Addresses family and community engagement in physical activity opportunities at all schools.	
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0 Not mentioned	
1 Vague and/or suggested	
Example: "Physical activity opportunities should be provided at the school for families and community member	ers."
2 Required.	
Example: "All schools are required to develop comprehensive school physical activity programs that address fa	imily and
community engagement in physical activity, and provide a wide-variety of offerings."	

PEPA12: Ad	dresses before and after school physical activity for all students including clubs, intramural, interscholastic opportunities.
0	Not mentioned
1	Vague and/or suggested
Example: "Students should have the opportunity to be physically active before and after school."	

Required. Provision of physical activity classes, clubs, or interscholastic activities is required.		Required. Provision of physical activity classes, clubs, or interscholastic activities is required.
		Examples:
		 "Schools shall provide physical activity opportunities for all students before and after school in all elementary, middle
		and high schools."
		"Physical activity clubs and intramurals shall be available during before and after-school hours."
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PEPA13: Address	es recess for all elementary school students. Use N/A if no elementary schools in the district.
0	Not mentioned
	 Either of the following: School district suggests that recess be provided for all elementary school students. School district requires recess without including a required amount of minutes each day. Example: "Schools should provide students with opportunities for play when weather permits."
2	Required. Addresses at least 20 minutes of daily recess for all elementary school students Examples:
	 "Schools shall provide at least 20 minutes of active daily recess to all elementary school students." All schools are required to schedule 20 minutes of recess daily for every class in the school master schedule."

PEPA14: /	Addresses physical activity breaks during school.	NAM
0	Not mentioned	
	Vague and/or suggested: School district suggests physical activity breaks. Example: "Teachers should provide students with physical activity breaks."	
2	Required. School district requires that all K-12 school students be provided with daily ph	ysical activity breaks during the school day
	 Examples: "Each school shall provide at least one physical activity break for every 60 minus." "Schools must schedule a twenty minute mid-morning break each day to provious opportunities." 	

0	Not mentioned
1	Vague or suggested: District encourages schools to enter into joint-use agreements for community use of school facilities and
	school use of community facilities for physical activity programming
	Example: "Schools should develop joint-use agreements in order to provide physical activity opportunities for community
	members at the school."
2	Required: District requires schools to enter into joint-use agreements for community use of school facilities and school use of
	community facilities for physical activity programming.
	Example: "All schools will develop joint-use agreements with community partners in order to provide expanded physical activity
	opportunities for all students and community members."

	ict addresses active transport (Safe Routes to School) for all K-12 students who live within walkable/bikeable distance.
0	Not mentioned
1	Vague and/or suggested
	Example: "Schools should promote walking and biking to school."
2	Required. Clear that school district requires school to develop an active transport program.
	Example: "Each school shall partner with local government and community-based agencies to support active transport to school to
	implement a comprehensive active transport program (i.e. Safe Routes to School Program)."

WPM1: Encourage	s staff to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors.		
0	Not mentioned		
1	Either of the following: • Suggests district or school administrators encourage staff to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors		
	 Encourages modeling healthy eating OR physical activity, but not both 		
	Example: "Principals should encourage staff to model healthy eating habits"		
2	Requires district or school administrators to encourage staff to model healthy eating AND physical activity behaviors		
	Example: "School staff members shall be encouraged to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors"		

WPM2: Addr	esses strategies to support employee wellness.
	Not mentioned
1	Suggests employee wellness activities Example: "The district desires to provide a comprehensive program promoting healthy eating and PA for district students and staff."
2	Specific strategies to support employee wellness are outlined
	"Health and wellness classes will be offered to staff." "Health and wellness classes will be offered to staff."
	 "Activity programs will be available for staff." "School physical activity equipment will be available for use by staff before or after school to support employee wellness."
	"Free water and healthy snacks will be available in the staff break room."
	 "Each school is required to develop a comprehensive school physical activity program which allows staff to participate in or lead physical activity opportunities throughout the school day. In addition, an employee wellness program will be implemented in each building to meet the unique wellness needs of school staff."

= X WPM3: Ad	dresses using physical activity as a reward.
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0	Not mentioned
1	Suggests that staff is encouraged to use extra physical activity when rewards are used
	Example: "Teachers may use non-food alternatives as rewards. For example, extra recess may be provided when time allows."
2	Staff is encouraged to use physical activity as a reward
	Example: "Food rewards are prohibited and teachers are provided with a list of alternative ideas. We strongly recommend staff
	use physical activity as a reward when feasible."

WPM4: Addresses physical activity not being used as a punishment.		
0	Not mentioned	
1	Discourages using physical activity as a punishment. Example: "Teachers are discouraged from assigning physical activity as student punishment."	
2	Prohibits using physical activity as a punishment.	
	 Examples: "Physical activity may not be assigned to students as a consequence of poor behavior or punishment for any reason. (Example: running laps or jogging around a playground)" 	
	 "Students shall not be required to engage in physical activity as punishment. For example, students may not be singled out to run extra laps, or perform other physical activities that the entire class is not engaged in, as a behavioral consequence." 	

WPM5: Addresses physical activity not being withheld as a punishment.		
0	Not mentioned	
1	Discourages withholding PA as a punishment Example: "The administration believes that recess and other opportunities for physical activity are an essential part of the school day. Teachers are encouraged to find alternatives to withholding recess or other physical activities as a punishment."	
2	Prohibits withholding PA as a punishment Example: "Recess, PE or other physical activities will not be withheld from students as a punishment for poor behavior or incomplete class work."	

WPM6: Specifies marketing to promote healthy food and beverage choices.		
0	Not mentioned	
	Vague or suggested Example: "Marketing strategies, such as taste tests and signage in the cafeteria, should be used to promote healthy food and beverages throughout the school."	
2	Required Example: "The healthiest choices, such as salads and fruit, will be prominently displayed in the cafeterias to encourage students to make healthy choices."	

WPM7: Restricts marketing on the school campus during the school day to only those foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks standards.

School marketing includes food and beverage advertising and other marketing, such as the name or depiction of products, brands, logos, trade marks, or spokespersons or characters, on any property or facility owned or leased by the school district or school (such as school buildings and campus, outside and areas adjacent to school buildings, athletic fields, school buses, parking lots, or other facilities) and used at any time for school-related activities. Federal Rule language states that schools may only "permit marketing on the school campus during the school day of those foods and beverages that meet the nutrition standards under 210.11 and promote student health and reduce childhood obesity."

0	Not mentioned
1	Vague or suggested or restricts marketing o district nutrition standards that do not rise to the level of Smart Snacks Examples: "Food service providers should be sensitive to the nutrition environment when displaying logos/trademarks on school grounds."
	 "Marketing on the school campus will be limited to those products that are allowed to be sold according to the district's nutrition standards." (district nutrition standards do not meet Smart Snacks)
2	Restricts marketing of foods and beverages on the school campus, during the school day to those items that meet Smart Snacks
	 Examples: "School-based marketing shall be consistent with Smart Snacks nutrition standards." "Marketing on the school campus will be limited to those products that are allowed to be sold according to the district".

WPM8: Specifica	ally addresses marketing on school property (e.g., signs, scoreboards, sports equipment).
0	Not mentioned
1	Restrictions are vague, suggested or weakened by exceptions such as time, location, or a principal's discretion. Example: "Display and advertising of unhealthful foods is strongly discouraged on school grounds."
2	Prohibits ALL advertising of food and beverages that cannot be sold during the school day/do not meet Smart Snack nutrition standards and specifically prohibits this advertising on school property (signs, banners, scoreboards, etc.) or will prohibit at time of renewal of sponsorship agreements.
	Examples:

	"Busses, building exteriors, score boards, etc. on and around school property snall be tree of brands and illustrations of unhealthful foods"
	 "The advertising of foods and beverages that are not available for sale in district schools will not be advertised on any school property."
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/PM9: Specifical	y addresses marketing on educational materials (e.g., curricula, textbooks, or other printed or electronic educational materials).
0	Not mentioned
1	Restrictions are vague, suggested or weakened by exceptions
	Example: "A review of the advertising content of all classroom and online materials/websites used for teaching should be made
	prior to selection of materials. Use of materials depicting food brands or logos is discouraged."
2	Specifically ensures advertising of food and beverages will be considered in the selection of curricular/educational materials.
	Example: "Criteria for selecting educational materials for the classroom shall be expanded to include review of advertising content
	Every effort will be made to select materials free of brand names/logos and illustrations of unhealthy foods "
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/PM10: Specifica	lly addresses marketing where food is purchased (e.g., exteriors of vending machines, food and beverage cups and containers, food ers, trash and recycling containers, etc.).
(0)	Not mentioned
1	Restrictions are suggested or weakened by exceptions such as time, location, or a principal's discretion
	Example: "An effort will be made to remove advertising from the cafeteria. Existing vending machines and coolers with logos will
	be replaced when possible."
2	Prohibits ALL advertising of food and beverages that cannot be sold at school/do not meet Smart Snack nutrition standards and
	specifically prohibits this advertising where food is purchased (food displays, vending machines, food and beverage containers an
	coolers).
	Example: "Advertising of any food or beverage that may not be sold on campus during the school day is prohibited. Advertising of any brand on containers used to serve food or in areas where food is purchased is prohibited."
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Example: "Given concerns about student exposure to marketing, district schools will no longer participate in incentive programs that promote brands or provide children with free or discounted foods or beverages. PTA's will be asked to research new fundraising opportunities to replace programs such as McTeacher's night and Box Tops for Education."

C1: Addresses	the establishment of an ongoing district wellness committee.
0	Not mentioned
1	Mentions a wellness committee, but it is unclear whether or not it is active
	Example: "The wellness committee met in September of 2012 to develop plans for policy implementation at the school level.
	School specific implementation plans can be found on each school's website."
2	Clearly states that the committee is ongoing and regular meetings occur
	Examples:
	"The district wellness committee meets four times a year."
	"The wellness committee meets quarterly throughout the school year."

IEC2: Addresses how all relevant stakeholders (parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrator, and the general public) will participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the local wellness policy. Federal Rule language states that the policy must include "a description of the manner in which parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, teachers of physical education, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public are provided an opportunity to participate in the development, implementation, and periodic review and update of the local school wellness policy."

0	Not mentioned
	Recommends that membership is open to the community, or requires less than all listed stakeholders Example: "Students, parents, staff and/or community members are welcome to join the committee."
2	States a plan to actively recruit some or all of the following: Parents, students, PE teachers, school food authority representatives, school health professionals, school board members, administrators, members of the general public. Example: "A letter will be sent to the school community via email, and will be posted in a central area in all school buildings inviting members of the community to join the wellness committee. Parents, students, representatives of the school food authority, PE teachers, school health professionals, the school board, school administrators, and the general public will be included in the development, implementation, review and update of the wellness policy."

IEC3: Identifies the officials responsible for the implementation and compliance of the local wellness policy.

Federal Rule language states that each local educational agency must "designate one or more local educational agency officials or school officials to ensure that each participating school complies with the local school wellness policy."

0	Not mentioned
	It is suggested, but not required, that a district level official be responsible for monitoring school-level compliance Examples: "School principals should periodically update the superintendent on school level compliance with the district wellness policy."
	 "A district and school contact will be designated with the responsibility to ensure that the schools meet this policy."
2	It is clear that a district level official (including the name and/or position of an individual) will be in charge of ensuring compliance at the building level.
	 Examples: "The assistant superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that the wellness policy is implemented throughout district schools."
	 "The Superintendent or designee shall ensure compliance with established district wide nutrition and physical activity policies. In each school, the building administrator or designee shall ensure compliance."

IEC4: Addresses making the wellness policy available to the public.

Federal Rule language states that local educational agencies must "inform the public about the content and implementation of the local school wellness policy, and make the policy and any updates to the policy available to the public on an annual basis."

0	Not mentioned
	Vague and/or suggested The wellness policy is available upon request. Example: "The district will ensure school and community awareness of this policy by making it available by request."
2	Requires district to post its wellness policy on the website or distribute the wellness policy to the school and community on an
	annual basis at a minimum
	Example: "All public schools and public charter schools shall promote their local wellness policy to faculty, staff, parents, and
	students. A copy shall be posted on each school's website."

IEC5: Addresses the assessment of district implementation of the local wellness policy at least once every three years.

Federal Rule language states that local educational agencies must "at least once every three years, assess schools' compliance with the local school wellness policy, and make assessment results available to the public."

0	Not mentioned
1	Either of the following: It is suggested that policy implementation will be assessed Implementation will be assessed, but less than triennially
	Example: "Representatives from each school should track compliance with the district SWP within their school."
2	Required. A specific plan to assess implementation
	Example: "The Advisory Council shall conduct a quantitative assessment of policy implementation every three years using the
	Wellness School Assessment Tool-Implementation (WellSAT-I) or the School Health Index.

IEC6: Triennial assessment results will be made available to the public and will include:

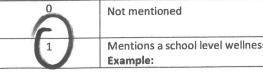
- 1. The extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the LEA are in compliance with the local school wellness policy;
- 2. The extent to which the LEA's local school wellness policy compares to model local school wellness policies;
- 3. A description of the progress made in attaining the goals of the local school wellness policy.

0	Not mentioned
	Specifies inclusion of some, but not all, triennial progress report elements Example: "A triennial progress report with information about each school's wellness related activities will be shared with the
	entire school community."
2	Includes a statement making it clear that all three elements listed above will be included in the triennial progress report
	Example: "The triennial progress report will be posted on the district website. The report will include an assessment on
	compliance, the extent to which our wellness policy compares to model wellness policies, and progress made in achieving goals."

IEC7: Addresses a plan for updating policy based on results of the triennial assessment. Federal Rule language states that districts must "make appropriate updates or modifications to the local school wellness policy, based on the triennial assessment."

0	Not mentioned
1	Plans for updating policy are implied, but not certain, OR timing is unclear.
	Example: "The district wellness committee will revise the policy as needed"
2	Revisions /updates are required (or need for updates assessed) at specified intervals
	Example: "Every two-three years, the wellness committee will review the latest national recommendations pertaining to school
	health and will update the wellness policy accordingly."

IEC8: Addresses the establishment of an ongoing school building level wellness committee. This may also be called a school health team, school health advisory committee, or similar name.



Mentions a school level wellness committee, but it is unclear whether or not it is active

	"The wellness committee met to develop plans for policy implementation at the school sevel. School specific
	implementation plans can be found on each school's website."
2	Clearly states that all schools in the district have a committee that is ongoing and regular meetings
	Example:
	"The school wellness committee at each school in the district meets quarterly."

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