

# 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 *Columbus Catholic*

Reviewer

School Name *St. Cecilia*

Date *3/1/2024*

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:

*Lori Smith, Principal*

☒ ☐ We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe:

*School website*

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

Please describe:

*Class assessments, stakeholder surveys, 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

- PD for faculty focused on wellness - Goal
- Parent-Information night focused on nutrition, wellness, importance of exercise - Goal
- Begin a breakfast program - Goal

**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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