

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

Reviewer Kathleen Gregus

School Name Lorain Preparatory Academy

Date 03/02/2023

Select all grades: PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

I. Public Involvement

Yes No 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
- Students
- School Board Members
- School Health Professionals
- Students
- Public

Yes No We have a designee in charge of compliance.

Name/Title: Kathleen Gregus, Food Service Director

Yes No We make our policy available to the public.

Please describe: www.Lorainprep.org and copies at Lorain Preparatory Academy

Yes No We measure the implementation of our policy goals and communicate results to the public.

Please describe: Newsletters, Social Media

Yes No Our district reviews the wellness policy at least annually.

II. Nutrition Education

Yes No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition education.

Yes No We offer standards based nutrition education in a variety of subjects (e.g. science, health, math, etc).

Yes No We offer nutrition education to students in: Elementary School Middle School High School

III. Nutrition Promotion

Yes No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for nutrition promotion.

Yes No We promote healthy eating and nutrition education with signage, use of creative menus, posters, bulletin boards, etc.

Yes No We have reviewed *Smarter Lunchroom* techniques and evaluated our ability to implement some of them.

Yes No We place fruits and vegetables where they are easy to access (e.g. near the cafeteria cashier or near the front of the line).

Yes No We ensure students have access to hand-washing facilities prior to meals.

Yes No We annually evaluate how to market and promote our school meal program(s).

Yes No We regularly share school meal nutrition, calorie, and sodium content information with students and families.

Yes No We offer taste testing or menu planning opportunities to our students.

Yes No We participate in Farm to School activities and/or have a school garden.

Yes No We only advertise and promote nutritious foods and beverages on school grounds (e.g. buildings, playing fields, etc).

Yes No We price nutritious foods and beverages lower than less nutritious foods and beverages.

Yes No We offer fruits or non-fried vegetables in: Vending Machines School Stores Snack Bars à La Carte

Yes No We have nutritional standards for foods/beverages served at school parties, celebrations, events, etc.

Yes No We provide teachers with samples of alternative reward options other than food or beverages.

Yes No We prohibit the use of food and beverages as a reward.

Yes No **IV. Nutrition Guidelines** (Cont. from page 1)

- Yes No Our district's written wellness policy addresses nutrition standards for USDA reimbursable meals.
- Yes No We operate the School Breakfast program: Before School In the Classroom Grab & Go
- Yes No We follow all nutrition regulations for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP).
- Yes No We operate an Afterschool Snack Program.
- Yes No We operate the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.
- Yes No We have a Certified Food Handler as our Food Service Manager.
- Yes No 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**

- Yes No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for physical activity.
- Yes No We provide physical education for elementary students on a weekly basis.
- Yes No We provide physical education for middle school during a term or semester.
- Yes No We require physical education classes for graduation (high schools only).
- Yes No We provide recess for elementary students on a daily basis.
- Yes No We provide opportunities for physical activity integrated throughout the day.
- Yes No We prohibit staff and teachers from keeping kids in from recess for punitive reasons.
- Yes No Teachers are allowed to offer physical activity as a reward for students.
- Yes No We offer before or after school physical activity: Competitive sports Non-competitive sports Other clubs

Yes No **VI. Other School Based Wellness Activities**

- Yes No Our district's written wellness policy includes measurable goals for other school-based activities that promote wellness.
- Yes No We provide training to staff on the importance of modeling healthy behaviors.
- Yes No We provide annual training to all staff on: Nutrition Physical Activity
- Yes No We have a staff wellness program.
- Yes No We have school district staff who are CPR certified (e.g. teachers, coaches, counselors, food service staff).
- Yes No We actively promote walk or bike to school for students with Safe Routes to School or other related programs.
- Yes No We have a recycling/environmental stewardship program.
- Yes No We have a recognition /reward program for students who exhibit healthy behaviors.
- Yes No 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.

Future goal is to actively encourage more staff to become involved in the Wellness program. Goal is to have students being able to choose healthy meals and cut down on snacks, added sugar and carbs. Healthy eating for life is a goal for all students and staff.

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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