

Local Wellness Policy Assessment Comparison to a Model Policy

The Local Wellness Policy Final Rule requires districts to assess the extent to which their Local Wellness Policy aligns with model policies at least once every three years. Use this form to assess how your policy compares to the Model Policy. Identify the areas of strength and success, as well as the areas the district wants to work on in the coming years. Share this form or include the results on the triennial assessment that is shared with the public.

District Name: Richmond County Board of Education Date: June 2024

		Yes/No	Comments
1	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition education.	Yes	The district aims to provide nutrition education in the school environment. The district has success with all schools currently in compliance with incorporating messages regarding nutrition throughout the school environment.
2	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition promotion.	Yes	The district has success with scheduling nutrition promotions and programs that encourage and reinforce healthy eating habits. A district goal is to offer nutrition promotions that also involve parents and the community.
3	Policy contains specific language regarding physical activity as part of health education.	Yes	The district will provide physical education consistent with federal and state requirements. The district has continued success with its goal to promote physical activities at least once per year via signage and/or announcements made in the school environment.
4	Policy contains specific language regarding increased student activity including physical activity breaks, active academics, and before and after school activities.	Yes	The district states it will encourage opportunities for increased physical activity beyond physical education classes. The district has success with all schools promoting after-school physical activities. The district has a goal to increase the promotion of physical fitness activities outside of scheduled physical education or recess times at least once per year. Currently, the district is not meeting this goal at every school in the district so the goal is to increase the number of schools in compliance.
5	Policy contains specific language regarding health education curriculum requirements on healthy eating.	Yes	The district is committed to providing students with nutrition education and healthy eating habits, to include food safety, that is integrated into health education curriculum or core curriculum.

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			This district has success ensuring all schools are teaching and supporting healthy eating habits into the health curriculum.
6	Policy contains specific language regarding other activities that promote student wellness. This includes community partnerships, family engagement, staff wellness, and professional learning.	Yes	The district has the intent for all school communities to offer other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness. The district has a goal that all schools provide information and/or opportunities that promote family wellness as well as staff wellness at least once per year. In future years, the district wellness committee will strive to increase the number of schools in compliance with promoting staff and family wellness activities at least once per year.
7	Policy contains specific language regarding nutrition requirements established by local, state and federal regulations.	Yes	All the district's schools will participate in available school meal programs. Furthermore, all food and beverages made available on campus during the school day will be consistent with the requirements of local, state and federal regulations.
8	Policy contains specific language regarding competitive foods and beverages.	Yes	The district prohibits the sale to students on the school campus during the school day of competitive foods and beverages that do not meet federal guidelines. The district monitors the number of schools that do not comply with competitive food and beverage guidelines. The district wellness committee has a goal to increase the number of schools compliant with competitive food and beverage guidelines.
9	Policy contains specific language regarding food use in celebrations and rewards.	Yes	District suggests that foods or beverages with minimal nutritional value should not be used as rewards for academic performance or good behavior. District aims that all foods offered on the school campus outside the School Nutrition Program will meet USDA Smart Snack guidelines.
10	Policy contains specific language regarding fundraising guidelines.	Yes	District suggests that organizations should only use non-food items or foods designed for delivery and consumption as a fundraiser after school hours. Since not all schools in the district are compliant with this suggestion, the district wellness

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			committee will continue to communicate the district's suggestions for fundraisers to Principals and School Health Council Leaders. Principals, or School Health Council Leaders, should monitor the use of these fundraisers at the school level.
11	Policy contains specific language regarding food and beverage marketing in schools.	Yes	District states that only marketing and advertising of foods and beverages that meet Smart Snack standards are allowed. Many schools in the district are currently not in compliance with this guideline. In future years, the district wellness committee will set goals to increase the number of schools in compliance by ensuring Principals are aware of this guideline. The district wellness committee will also stress the importance of the guideline which is by offering consistent marketing for only good nutritional items, students will learn how to make their own informed nutritious choices.
12	Policy contains specific language regarding water availability and promotion.	No	The district will look into adding specific language regarding water availability and promotion into the wellness policy evaluation tool in future years. Currently, all schools are reviewed annually by the district School Nutrition Program and part of the review ensures students have water available at no charge during school meal service times. All schools comply.
13	Policy contains specific language regarding promotion of healthy food and beverages.	Yes	The district will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students and encourage participation in school meal programs.

14	Policy contains specific language regarding staff qualifications and professional development.	Yes	The district aims to provide professional learning opportunities that enhance the wellness program.
15	Policy contains specific language regarding community involvement, including outreach and communication to the community.	Yes	The district intends to involve the community in the development and implementation of the wellness policy. The district will offer forms and/or surveys on the system's website for individuals in the community to have the opportunity to provide input regarding the development, implementation, and periodic review of the policy. Forms and surveys are submitted to the district wellness committee.
16	School Food Authority (SFA) has convened a Wellness Committee.	Yes	The district has convened a wellness committee.
17	Wellness committee meets at least 4 times per year.	No	Annually, the district wellness committee is required to meet at least twice. The district wellness committee will strive to meet more than two times each school year.
18	Committee includes representatives from all school levels and include (to the extent possible) but not limited to: parents and caregivers; students; representatives from school nutrition department; physical education teachers; health education teachers; school health professionals; school health services staff; mental health and social services staff; school administrators; school board members; and the general public.	Yes	The district convenes a district wellness committee. Such committee members may include but are not limited to: Superintendent, or designee, local board member, school nutrition program representative, teachers, parents, community members, health care representatives or other stakeholders.
19	The SFA has developed and maintains a plan for managing and coordinating the execution of the policy. This plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions, and timelines specific to each school.	Yes	The district wellness committee, which includes an SFA individual, develops and maintains a plan for implementation and evaluation of the policy. to manage and coordinate the execution of this wellness policy. The plan delineates roles, responsibilities, actions and timelines for all schools in the district.
20	The SFA has convened the district wellness committee and facilitate development of and updates to wellness policy and will ensure each school's compliance with the policy.	Yes	The district has a district wellness committee that oversees development and updates, if any, to the policy. The district guides all schools to form a School Health Council, to include a School Health Council Leader, to monitor and report the school's wellness compliance (via wellness policy evaluation form). Wellness policy

			evaluation form results are reported to the district wellness committee annually.
21	SFA has retained records that document compliance with policy requirements.	Yes	The district will retain records to document compliance with wellness policy requirements. The district wellness committee, or designee on the committee, is encouraged to complete a LWP Compliance Checklist.
22	SFA annually informs families and the public of basic policy information. Information included policy content, updates, and implementation status.	Yes	The district wellness committee will compile and share required information about the wellness policy on the districts website. The district wellness committee will also annually create and share a report via the website to show number of schools compliance with wellness policy guidelines and goals.
23	The SFA has evaluated compliance with the policy to assess implementation. The evaluation occurs triennially, and results are posted publicly. If the assessment has not occurred, determines plans for the evaluation.	Yes	The district will evaluate compliance with the wellness policy to assess the implementation of the policy every three years.
24	Following the triennial evaluation, the policy was assessed and updated as needed. If this has not occurred what are plans to assess and update the policy.	Yes	Following a triennial evaluation, the district wellness committee assesses the wellness policy and updates the policy, if updates are needed. The wellness policy did not need any updates after completion of the 2020-2023 triennial assessment.