

District:
Wellness Plan for KRS 158.856
Findings and Recommendations

The Superintendent shall submit the wellness plan that includes a summary of the findings and recommendations of the nutrition and physical activity report as required by May 1 of each year to the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). (702 KAR 6:090 Section 5 (1,c) / Section 6 (2))

The District shall include within the findings and recommendations the following:

1. Extent to which the District is in compliance with this Policy;
2. A comparison of how the District measures up to model wellness policies provided by recognized state and national authorities; and
3. A description of the measurable progress made towards reaching goals of the District wellness policy and addressing any gaps identified in the wellness report for the previous year.

LEA Submission of Findings and Recommendations

Area of Assessment: NUTRITION

Findings:

- Allen County Schools continues to provide a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.
- The Food Service Director ensures that students are provided with healthy meals that meet the USDA guidelines. We strive to serve nutritious, appealing foods and give students adequate time to enjoy their meals.
- We observe the competitive food rules and no school serves competitive foods or beverages from midnight before until thirty (30) minutes after the last lunch period. From thirty (30) minutes after last lunch period until thirty (30) minutes after the school day anything sold must meet the Smart Snack guidelines.
- Continue to instill healthy eating habits in children. This is done thru having children try new foods thru taste testing. Ex: locally grown produce. Also by taking children on field trips to local farms to see how produce is grown and harvested. Health Dept. also provides an information sheets with each item sampled.
- Strongest components on WellSAT 3.0 was Section 2 Standards for the USDA Child Nutrition Program & School Meals.

Recommendations:

- Continue to review & revise the District Wellness Policy to align with KRS and USDA guidelines.
- Work with Health Department to continue to hold farm visits and have vegetable sampling to introduce children to new healthy foods. This will help them understand how the food is grown. The children also assist with farm chores which increases physical activity.
- Continue to seek out foods that are appealing that meet nutritional guidelines to reach more of the student population and to assist in increasing participation.
- Include a weekly/monthly wellness tip in the Superintendent's email to staff.

Area of Assessment: Physical Activity/Physical Education

Findings:

- Allen County Primary Center, Allen County Intermediate Center & James E. Bazzell Middle School offers P.E. on a rotational basis for all students and encourages teachers to integrate movement into their daily classroom activities.
- Allen County Scottsville High School requires a credit for Health & PE; and offers Advanced P.E as an elective.
- There are multiple after school activities offered for all ages. Ex: Run Club, Archery, & multiple sports activities offered to all ages.
- Also our community offers multiple activities that we communicate & encourage our students to participate. Examples: Core activities, Boys & Girls Club.
- ACSH offers a JROTC course that includes physical activities and competitions.
- ACSH Culinary studies nutrition & also learns to prepare healthy meals in class.
- JEBMS & ACSH has Sources of Strength which includes training on eating healthy and being physically active.
- ACIC studies the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Habit 7 teaches that you must take time to maintain balance between physical, mental, social/emotional and spiritual dimensions.

Recommendations:

- Continue to review & revise the District Wellness Policy to align with KRS and USDA guidelines.
- Provide opportunities for increased daily movement K-12.
- Review physical education curriculum assuring that it is aligned with state and national standards.
- Encourage teachers to incorporate health, physical education & wellness components.
- Continue to provide school staff with wellness checks, send wellness tips out in Superintendent's Weekly newsletter to staff & email monthly wellness tips to parents.

FINDINGS: Summarize comments from the public forum and the discussion from wellness leadership meetings about findings of the assessment report.

RECOMMENDATIONS: All of the following items should be considered as possible recommendations:

- Strengthen and/or modifying the language of the district wellness policy based on results of WellSAT assessment