

Triennial Assessment Report: East Windsor Second LSWP Triennial Assessment (12/2025)

District: EAST WINDSOR

Introduction

The Triennial Assessment of the East Windsor Public Schools Wellness Policy is a federally required review conducted every three years to evaluate the thoroughness and impact of the district's wellness policy implementation. This assessment examines three key areas: the strength of the written policy, the execution across schools, and the progress made toward achieving established wellness goals. Furthermore, it benchmarks the policy against current best practices. The findings are essential for identifying specific areas for improvement, maintaining compliance with federal regulations, and actively supporting a healthy school environment for all students and staff. This recent assessment was completed by a collaborative group, including members of the district wellness committee, school principals, district administration, and community stakeholders.

Strong Policies and Aligned Practices

The latest Triennial Assessment affirms that East Windsor Public Schools (EWPS) has not only met multiple of its essential federal requirements but has made significant, measurable progress in fostering a truly healthy and supportive school environment for every student and staff member.

East Windsor complies with all USDA and CSDE requirements while serving school meals. We serve breakfast under the School Breakfast Program, lunch under the National School Lunch Program, and Fruits and Vegetables under the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR1	Does the district have specific goals for nutrition education designed to promote student wellness?	2	2	★
FR2	Do your National School Lunch Program meals (and, if applicable, School Breakfast Program meals) meet all federal standards for meal patterns, nutrient levels, and calorie requirements for the grade levels served?	2	2	★
FR4	Is free (i.e., no cost to students) drinking water available to students during meals?	2	2	★
FR6	Do all competitive foods and beverages sold to students during the school day meet or exceed the USDA's nutrition standards, commonly called Smart Snacks?	2	2	★

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FR7	Do all a la carte foods and beverages sold in the cafeteria meet Smart Snacks standards?	2	2	☆
FR8	Do all foods and beverages sold in vending machines meet Smart Snack standards?	2	2	☆
FR9	Do all foods and beverages sold in school stores during the school day meet Smart Snack standards?	2	2	☆
FR13	Which groups are represented on the district-level wellness committee?	2	2	☆
FR15	How is the wellness policy made available to the public?	2	2	☆
NES1	Does the district offer breakfast every day to all students?	2	2	☆
NES5	Are marketing strategies used to promote healthy food and beverage choices in school?	2	2	☆
NES13	Do teachers or school staff give students food as a reward?	2	2	☆
NES14	Do students have consistent and easy access to free drinking water throughout the school day?	2	2	☆
PEPA1	 Does the district have a written physical education curriculum that is implemented consistently for every grade?	2	2	☆
PEPA2	Does the district have a written physical education curriculum that is aligned with national and/or state standards?	2	2	☆
PEPA3	How does your physical education program promote a physically active lifestyle?	2	2	☆

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PEPA9	What percentage of students do you estimate do not take PE each year due to exemptions?	2	2	
PEPA10	What percentage of students do you estimate do not take PE each year due to substitutions?	2	2	
PEPA18	Do teachers ever use physical activity as a punishment?	2	2	
PEPA19	Do teachers ever withhold physical activity as a classroom management tool?	2	2	

Create Practice Implementation Plan

Our Wellness Committee will meet at the start of 2026 to discuss implementing the Triennial Assessment in the district's Wellness Policy.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR14	Is there an official who is responsible for the implementation and compliance with the wellness policy at the building level for each school?	2	1	
NES9	Are you familiar with any state laws allowing exemptions for school-sponsored fundraisers during which foods and beverages do not have to meet Smart Snacks?	2	1	
NE2	Do all elementary school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	2	1	
NE3	Do all middle school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	2	1	
NE4	Do all high school students receive sequential and comprehensive nutrition education?	2	1	

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PEPA12	 Are there opportunities for all students to engage in physical activity before and after school?	2	1	
PEPA17	 Are teachers encouraged to use physical activity as a reward for students?	2	1	
IC1	Is there an active district-level wellness committee?	2	1	
IC2	Is there an active school-level wellness committee?	2	0	

Update Policies

The Wellness Committee will meet in conjunction with the Superintendent's Office to discuss and update the existing policies and procedures to better align with the Federal requirements.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR5	Do all school nutrition program directors, managers, and staff meet or exceed the annual continuing education/training hours required by the USDA's Professional Standards requirements?	1	2	
FR10	Are there fundraisers that sell foods or beverages to be consumed during the school day? If yes, do the foods and beverages sold meet Smart Snacks standards?	1	2	
FR11	Does your district regulate foods and beverages served at class parties and other school celebrations in elementary schools?	1	2	
FR12	Is there food or beverage marketing on the school campus during the school day? If yes, do the marketed items meet Smart Snacks criteria?	1	2	

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NES4	Does your school use strategies to maximize participation in the school breakfast program and/or school lunch program?	0	2	
NES6	Do students have at least 10 minutes to eat breakfast and at least 20 minutes to eat lunch, counting from the time they are seated?	0	2	
NES7	 In your district, is it a priority to procure locally produced foods for school meals?	0	2	
NES8	Do you know where to access the USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards to check and see if an item can be sold in school during the school day?	0	2	
NES10	Are foods or beverages containing caffeine sold at the high school level?	0	2	
NES11	Do all foods or beverages SERVED (not sold) to students after the school day on school grounds (including aftercare, clubs, and afterschool programming) meet federal nutrition standards (e.g., CACFP or Smart Snacks)?	0	2	
NES12	Do all foods or beverages SOLD (not served) to students after the school day on school grounds (including aftercare, clubs, and afterschool programming) meet federal nutrition standards (e.g., CACFP or Smart Snacks)?	0	2	
PEPA4	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in elementary school receive?	0	2	
PEPA6	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in high school receive?	0	2	

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PEPA8	Is ongoing professional development offered every year for PE teachers that is relevant and specific to physical education?	0	2	
PEPA13	Is there daily recess for all grades in elementary school?	1	2	
PEPA15	Does the district have "joint-use" or "shared-use" agreements?	0	2	

Opportunities for Growth

All assessment areas under Opportunities for Growth will be addressed during the upcoming Wellness Committee meetings and will be updated in accordance with Federal Regulations.

		Policy Score	Practice Score	
FR16	Is wellness policy implementation evaluated every three years?	0	0	
FR17	What is included in the triennial assessment report to the public?	0	0	
FR18	Has the wellness policy been revised based on the previous triennial assessment?	0	0	
NE1	Are skills-based, behavior-focused, and interactive/participatory methods used in nutrition education to develop student skills?	1	1	
NE5	Is nutrition education integrated into other subjects beyond health education?	1	1	
NE6	Do school nutrition services staff members use the following methods to collaborate with teachers to reinforce nutrition education lessons taught in the classroom?	1	1	

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NE7	 Does nutrition education address agriculture and the food system?	1	1	
PEPA5	How many minutes per week of PE does each grade in middle school receive?	0	1	
PEPA11	 Are there opportunities for families and community members to engage in physical activity at school?	1	1	
PEPA14	 Do teachers provide regular physical activity breaks for students in the classroom?	0	0	
PEPA16	What proportion of students walk or bike to school?	0	0	
EW1	 Are there strategies used by the school to support employee wellness?	0	1	
EW2	Are school staff encouraged to model healthy eating and physical activity behaviors in front of students?	0	1	

Conclusion

East Windsor Public Schools is actively implementing many positive practices, but the district must focus on two immediate actions: formally documenting these strong practices by updating the written Wellness Policy and developing clear, actionable implementation plans to ensure existing strong policies are fully realized across all schools.

Key

 **Strong Policies and Aligned Practices** - District has a strong policy and is fully implementing practices that align with the policy

 **Create Practice Implementation Plan** - District has a strong or weak policy, but practice implementation is either absent or limited

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Update Policies Update Policies - District is fully implementing a practice but there is no or only weak language in the written policy, or the district is partially implementing practices and there is no language in the policy



Opportunities for Growth - District has either not addressed the topic in policy or practice; or has only addressed the topic in a very limited way

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