



Alabama State Department of Education Child Nutrition Program



Local Wellness Policy: Triennial Assessment Report

This tool is intended to be a guide based on current regulations. It is the responsibility of the LEA to stay abreast of any updates and changes to the regulations and to implement any changes in local policies.

Background Information

To be compliant with the USDA final rule, at least once every three years, the district will assess the Local Wellness Policy. However, Local Education Agencies (LEAs) may assess their policy more frequently if they wish.

Purpose

The district should designate a representative to lead the wellness policy assessment. This representative must publicly invite members from the community, schools, and the district to participate. Members of the district wellness committee who are completing the assessment of the Local Wellness Policy may use this template. Section 3 of this template should be copied and completed for each school.

This template contains the three required components of the triennial assessment:

1. the extent to which the wellness policy compares to model wellness policies
2. progress made in attaining the goals of the wellness policy
3. the extent to which schools under the jurisdiction of the districts are complying with the district Wellness Policy

Results

A copy of the assessment must be made available to the public. How the assessment is made available is the decision of the LEA. (i.e., district website, local newspaper, etc.). The triennial assessment summary and the assessment details (e.g., WellSAT 3.0 report) must be shared.

Recordkeeping for the Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review:

- a copy of the most recent triennial assessment, along with supporting documentation
- a copy of the current and previous board approval of the policy
- documentation demonstrating the policy has been made available to the public
- documentation of efforts to review and update the policy, including who was involved and how the district made stakeholders aware of their ability to participate (i.e., meeting agendas and sign-in sheets)

Local Wellness Policy: Triennial Assessment Summary

General Information

LEA: Choctaw County Board of Education

Month and year of current assessment: April 2026

Date of last Local Wellness Policy revision: October 2022

Website address and/or information on how the public can access a copy of the Local Wellness Policy and Triennial Assessment:
www.choctawal.org

Wellness Committee Information

How often does your district wellness committee meet? Annually

District Wellness Coordinator

Name	School	Job Title	Email Address
Whitney Frost	CCBOE	CNP Director	wfrost@choctawal.org

Designated Wellness Assessment Leader (can be the District Wellness Coordinator)

Name	School	Job Title	Email Address
Whitney Frost	CCBOE	CNP Director	wfrost@choctawal.org

District Wellness Committee Members

Name	School	Job Title	Email Address
Marcus Ezell	CCHS	Principal	mezell@choctawal.org
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*See page 13 for space to add Wellness Committee members.

Section 1. Comparison to Model School Wellness Policies

Complete a Triennial Assessment Tool ([WellSAT3.0 assessment tool](#), or other customized assessment tool) and keep a copy of the results on file for at least three full school years plus the current year. It will be reviewed during the next administrative review of your Child Nutrition program.

Indicate which model wellness policy language was used for comparison:

- Alliance for a Healthier Generation Model Policy
- WellSAT 3.0 example policy language (Print the WellSat report and include with your assessment)
- Other (please specify): _____

Describe how your wellness policy compares to the model wellness policy. (May use a bullet format to list comparisons)

Choctaw County Schools' Wellness Policy 2025 WellSat 3.0 school district total strength is 85.

Choctaw County School District's Wellness policy 2026 WellSat 3.0 school district comprehensiveness score is a 98.

When comparing the 2025 WellSat 3.0 data with the 2026 data there was a slight increase in the total comprehensiveness score.

Review year 2026 score was 89 and year 2025 was 84.

Choctaw County School District's Overall 2026 WellSat 3.0 score is 89.

WellSat 3.0 Score is based on feedback received from the individual schools.

Section 2. Progress towards Goals

*NOTE: Required components are listed in blue.

Nutrition standards for all foods and beverages for sale on the school campus (i.e., school meals and Smart Snacks)	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule and ALSDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foods and beverages available on the school campus during the school day as part of the school meal program meets or exceeds the <u>USDA regulations for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs</u> All foods and beverages outside of the school meal program are not sold within the timeframe of 1 hour before or after school meals per Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activity <u>Smart Snack and Fundraiser Guidance and Implementation.pdf (alsde.edu)</u> Provides an assurance that guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by USDA. <p>If applicable, list additional school goals below:</p>	<p>Yes. The district has a wellness committee. The school/district wellness committee meets annually. The committee includes admin, faculty, food service staff, parents & students.</p> <p>The goal of the annual meetings is to better communicate USDA Smart Snack in school requirements. Committee members will also have a better understanding of the school system's wellness policy.</p> <p>Choctaw County School District adheres to all federal, state and local guidelines governing the National School Lunch and Breakfast programs.</p> <p>Child nutrition program director ensures that required documentation for menu planning, food safety and meal counting & claiming are maintained in accordance to applicable guidelines. CNP director conducts annual school food service reviews. Production records, offer vs served requirements, meal counting and claiming practices are reviewed. Re-training and corrective action methods to be used to correct operating deficiencies.</p>

Access to free potable water on campus	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: Free, safe, unflavored drinking water is available to all students during mealtimes in the cafeteria.</p> <p>List how access to potable water is made available in schools.</p>	<p>All Choctaw County School cafeterias provide students access to free, safe and unflavored water during meal times.</p> <p>Each cafeteria is equipped water/ice dispenser. If for some reason the dispenser is inoperable, the cafeteria manager ensures that all students have access to potable water while dining in the cafeteria via a pitcher of ice water placed at the front of the cafeteria with disposable cups</p>

Section 2. Progress towards Goals continued

*NOTE: Required components are listed in blue.

Guidelines for other foods and beverages available on the school campus, but not sold	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with ALSDE: All foods and beverages outside of the school meal program are not provided within the timeframe of 1 hour before or after school meals per Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activity Smart Snack and Fundraiser Guidance and Implementation.pdf (alsde.edu)</p> <p>If applicable, list additional school goals below:</p>	<p>The wellness committee documents that the schools are in compliance with the requirement that all foods and beverages outside of school meal program are not provided before/after school meal service. This practice is in line with Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in Schools and Fund Raising Activity.</p>

Marketing and advertising of only foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: Our school only markets or advertises foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards on the school campus, during the school day.</p> <p>If applicable, list additional school goals below:</p>	<p>Choctaw County Schools only markets or advertises foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snack in School Standards on the school campus, during the school day.</p>

Section 2. Progress towards Goals continued

*NOTE: Required components are listed in blue.

Physical Activity Goal(s)	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule:</p> <p>The district requires that a combination of physical activity opportunities be offered daily to all students, including students with disabilities, before during and after school.</p> <p>List physical activity opportunities that are offered at schools:</p>	<p>The District's wellness policy states that a combination of physical activity opportunities are offered daily to all students, including students with disabilities during and after schools. Physical activity include physical education classes, school athletic program and extracurricular activities. Students are encouraged to participate in the The town of Gilbertown and the Town of Butler youth sports leagues. Sports offered by the school system include softball, baseball, basketball, football and volleyball. The wellness committees reports that the schools promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students during the school day and that participation in the school meal programs are encouraged. The Elementary Schools provides nutritional messages through the use of posters in cafeteria and the lobby area. Additionally, Choctaw County School offers physical education almost every day for 30 at least minutes.</p>

Nutrition Promotion and Education Goal(s)	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule:</p> <p>The district will ensure that students and staff receive consistent nutrition messages throughout the school campus including in classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. The district and all schools will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students across the school campus during the school day and will encourage participation in school meal programs.</p> <p>List how nutrition promotion and nutrition education are provided in schools:</p>	<p>All Choctaw County Schools promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students during the school day and that participation in the school meal programs are encouraged. Southern Choctaw Elementary Schools provides nutritional messages through the use of posters in cafeteria.</p>

Section 2. Progress towards Goals continued

*NOTE: Required components are listed in blue.

Other school-based activities to promote student wellness goal(s)	Describe progress and next steps:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: The district integrates wellness activities across the entire school setting, including the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues, classrooms, and physical activity facilities.</p> <p>List other school-based activities that are offered by the district:</p>	<p>Several school-based activities / wellness services are offered across the entire school District.</p> <p>Additionally, Southern Choctaw Elementary and Choctaw County Elementary provides the following health services for students: dental services; vision screenings, hearing screenings.</p> <p>The District's Social Worker provides mental health services at each site. West Alabama Mental Health also offers services when needed.</p>

CHECKLIST:

Triennial Assessment was made public:

Date: 5/27/26

Updated Wellness Policy received Board approval: (if applicable)

Date: _____

Wellness Policy was made public:

Date: 3/31/25

SIGNATURES:

Whitney Frost

District Wellness Assessment Leader

PRINT NAME: Whitney Frost

DATE: 5-26-26

Whitney Frost

District Wellness Coordinator

PRINT NAME: Whitney Frost

DATE: 5-26-26

Jacquelyn James

Superintendent

PRINT NAME: Jacquelyn James

DATE: 5-27-26

Section 3: School Level Progress Report

Print or copy this section to be completed by each school.

Blue area includes specific guidance. Gray area includes examples.

Place an "X" in the appropriate column by each bullet and add additional goals in the space provided.

School: Southern Choctaw Elementary

Date: 4/16/2026

School Wellness Leader: LuAnn Williams

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Nutrition guidelines for all foods and beverages for sale on the school campus (i.e., school meals and Smart Snacks)	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule and ALSDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foods and beverages available on the school campus during the school day as part of the school meal program meets or exceeds the USDA regulations for the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs All foods and beverages outside of the school meal program are not sold within the timeframe of 1 hour before or after school meals per Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activity Smart Snack and Fundraiser Guidance and Implementation.pdf (alsde.edu) Provides an assurance that guidelines for reimbursable school meals shall not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by USDA. 	X			All food and beverages offered during the school day meets the regulations set aside by the USDA.
If applicable, list additional school goals below:				

Access to free potable water on campus	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free, safe, unflavored drinking water is available to all students during mealtimes in the cafeteria. 	X			All students have access to potable water.
If applicable, list additional school goals below:				

Section 3: School Level Progress Report continued

Guidelines for other foods and beverages available on the school campus, but not sold (i.e., classroom parties and rewards)	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with ALSDE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All foods and beverages outside of the school meal program are not provided within the timeframe of 1 hour before or after school meals per Alabama Implementation of USDA Smart Snacks in School and Fundraising Activity Smart Snack and Fundraiser Guidance and Implementation.pdf (alsde.edu) 	X			Food and beverages outside of regular meal service are not provided within the 1 hour timeframe before or after school breakfast and/or school lunch.
If applicable, list additional school goals below:				

Marketing and advertising of only foods and beverages that meet Smart Snacks	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our school only markets or advertises foods and beverages that meet the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards on the school campus, during the school day. 	X			We only market smart snack compliant foods.
If applicable, list additional school goals below:				

Section 3: School Level Progress Report

Physical Activity Goal(s)	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: The district requires that a combination of physical activity opportunities be offered daily to all students, including students with disabilities, before during and after school.</p>	X			A combination of physical activity is offer to all students daily.
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Physical education: (structured and un-structured play)</i> • <i>Our school prohibits withholding activities/recess as a punishment.</i> 	X			
<p>List school goals in this section: The school's goal is to offer at least 30 minutes of physical activity to each student per day.</p>				

Nutrition Promotion and Education Goal(s)	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: The district will ensure that students and staff receive consistent nutrition messages throughout the school campus including in classrooms, gymnasiums, and cafeterias. The district and all schools will promote healthy food and beverage choices for all students across the school campus during the school day and will encourage participation in school meal programs.</p>	X			
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Age-appropriate nutrition education lessons are provided to students in all grade levels throughout the school year</i> • <i>National School Lunch/School Breakfast Week promotion</i> 				
<p>List school goals in addition to the required outreach included in this section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Breakfast Outreach • Summer Food Service Outreach/SSO Outreach 	X			

Section 3: School Level Progress Report

Other school-based activities to promote student wellness goal(s)	Meeting Goal	Partially Meeting Goal	Not Meeting Goal	Notes:
<p>To be compliant with the USDA final rule: The district integrates wellness activities across the entire school setting, including the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues, classrooms, and physical activity facilities.</p>	X			We try to incorporate wellness activities across the entire school setting.
<p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Social Emotional Development</i> • <i>Counseling</i> • <i>Health Services</i> • <i>Physical Environment</i> • <i>Caregiver (Family) Engagement</i> • <i>Community Involvement</i> 				
<p>List school wellness activity goals in this section:</p> <p>One of our wellness activity goals is to broaden our resources and offer a bigger variety of activities such community involvement, social clubs, and fun-filled physical activities such as line dancing, and other group play.</p>				

Request for Resources and Support

Check the resources and support below if you would like to request assistance for your school in meeting the wellness goals?

- content specific training (i.e., Nutrition Education, Physical Education/Activity)
- assistance with a school-based health assessment
- strategies for implementing the local Wellness Policy
- healthy and profitable non-food fundraisers
- healthy school non-food celebrations
- increasing engagement
- grant writing support
- local and state resources
- other (please specify):

Local Wellness Policy Recommendations

This space is for your school to make recommendations for suggested wellness policy revisions for the district wellness committee to consider.

Signatures:

District Wellness Assessment Leader: Whitney Frost

DATE: 4/24/26

School Wellness Leader: Luan Williams

DATE: 5-20-26

Principal: Walter R. Holyfield

DATE: 5/26/26

