

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Resources

Tools for Schools
www.fns.usda.gov/healthierschoolday/tools-schools
 Congress reauthorized the Child Nutrition Program in 2010 through the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA). The guiding principles of HHFKA: increase access to school meals, increase nutritional integrity, enhance school nutrition environment, and increase accountability for Federal funds. The USDA Tools for Schools assists local education agencies (LEAs)/school food authorities (SFAs) in meeting the updated nutrition standards for Child Nutrition programs.



Smart Snacks in Schools
www.fns.usda.gov/huscc/healthierus-school-challenge-smarter-lunchrooms
 The HHFKA required USDA to develop nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold on school campus during the school day. The Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards applies to foods sold a la carte, in school stores and vending, and through fundraisers.



Local Wellness Policy
www.fns.usda.gov/tn/local-school-wellness-policy
 The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) participating in federal Child Nutrition programs to establish and implement, for all schools under its jurisdiction, local wellness policies (LWP) that include:

- goals for nutrition education, nutrition promotion, physical activity and other school-based activities designed to promote student wellness,
- nutrition guidelines for all foods available during the school day,
- assurance that guidelines for reimbursable school meals not be less restrictive than regulations and guidance issued by the Secretary of Agriculture,
- a plan for measuring implementation of the local wellness policy, including designation of an LEA official to oversee, implement and monitor LWP,
- communication to the public (including families, students, and the community) about the content and implementation of the LWP, and
- periodic measurement and assessment, available to the public, on LWP implementation, including the extent to which schools are in compliance with LWP, the extent to which the LWP compares to model LWP, and a description of the progress made in attaining the LWP goals.

This USDA webpage offers the background information, proposed rule, requirements (USDA Policy Memo SP 42-2011), implementation timeline, and links to helpful resources.



School Nutrition and Environment Resources
<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/school-wellness-resources>
 The USDA website is dedicated to helping local education agencies (LEAs) find resources needed to implement the local wellness policy requirements.



North Carolina Resources

N.C. State Board of Education (SBE) Healthy Active Children Policy
<http://sbepolicy.dpi.state.nc.us/policies/HRS-E-000.asp?pri=03&cat=E&pol=000&acr=HRS>
 The N.C. SBE revised the Healthy Active Children (HAC) policy to incorporate local wellness policy (LWP) requirements, including designation of an LEA official for oversight of coordinated school health and implementation, evaluation, and reporting of the HAC policy and LWP.



N.C. Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI), School Nutrition and Local Wellness Policy
<http://childnutrition.ncpublicschools.gov/>
 NCDPI, School Nutrition Services administers Child Nutrition programs at the state level and provides wellness policy training, technical assistance and monitoring for local education agencies (LEAs)/school food authorities (SFAs).

