

Local School Wellness Policy

Development and implementation of a Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) is specific for each local educational agency (LEA) based on the unique needs of the agency. All school districts and residential child care institutions participating in any federal Child Nutrition Program (CPN) are required to establish and adopt an LSWP by 2006. This includes any charter or private schools participating in federal CNPs.

In 2010, the HHFKA added Section 9A, LSWP Implementation. The new provisions strengthen LSWPs so that they can become useful tools in evaluating, establishing, and maintaining healthy school environments. In addition, it serves to make clear to the public (including parents, students and others in the community) about the content and implementation of local wellness policies.

Wellness policy development and implementation is a continuous process involving the school and the local community. The policy evolves as the school environment changes or health issues change.

For more information on Local School Wellness Policies see the Quick Reference Guide to [Local School Wellness Policy](#).

After you have reviewed the information contained in the Quick Reference Guide, try the “[Apply Your Knowledge](#)” self-check.

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