



FORMAL EVALUATION & ASSESSMENT REPORT

Local School Wellness Policy Implementation

Compliant with USDA 7 CFR 210.31 and Louisiana Department of Education Administrative Review Standards

SECTION I: ADMINISTRATIVE & DISTRICT INFORMATION

- Local Education Agency (LEA): ReNEW Reinventing Education
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- Assessment Period: School Year 2025–2026
- Public Location of Document: WWW.ReNEWSCHOOLS.ORG

SECTION II: COMMITTEE & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The District Wellness Committee (DWC) convenes to oversee policy execution. The following multi-disciplinary stakeholders directly participated in the implementation assessment:

- Damitria Santiago – Executive Director of Operations (*Evaluation Lead*)
- Dana Frey – Nurse Director (*Healthy Meal Selections*)
- Misty Vix – School Counselor (*Student Mental & Meal Health*)
- Samantha Tucker – Parent Representative (*Menu Suggestions & Family Input*)



- John Theriot – SLA Area Manager (*Meal Compliance & Food Service Operations*)
- Venus Claybrooks – Exec. Dir. of Extended Learning (*Afterschool Supper Compliance*)
- HaShawn Ashford, Grayona Bailey, & Jasmine Claybrooks – School Directors of Operations / Operations Managers (*Campus-Level Policy Coordinators*)

SECTION III: COMPLIANCE EVALUATION & PROGRESS METRICS

1. Meal Standards & Nutrition Environment

- Compliance Level: Fully Compliant / Meeting Goal
- Assessment Findings: All campuses participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Summer Food Service Program (SFSP), and Supper programs. Meals strictly conform to USDA limits for sodium, saturated fats, and zero trans fats. Free, unflavored drinking water is accessible to all students throughout the school day and in dining areas.
- Smarter Lunchroom Verification: ReNEW campuses utilize at least 10 evidence-based techniques, including clear sightline fruit displays, descriptive vegetable names, and primary placement of unflavored white milk.

2. Celebrations, Incentives, & Non-Food Discipline

- Compliance Level: Partially Compliant / In Progress



- Assessment Findings: District policy prohibits using food as a reward or withholding physical activity/recess as punishment. Staff members have been provided with lists of compliant alternatives.
- Target Area: Parental compliance regarding non-compliant classroom party foods remains variable across sites.

4. Physical Education & Physical Activity Integration

- Compliance Level: Fully Compliant / Meeting Goal
- Assessment Findings: Elementary students receive mandatory physical education weekly and 20 minutes of daily outdoor recess. Classroom teachers incorporate 3- to 5-minute movement breaks throughout the instructional week. Secondary students meet state physical education course credit requirements.

SECTION IV: MODEL POLICY COMPARISON (WellSAT 3.0 Standard)

- Comparison Benchmark: *Alliance for a Healthier Generation Model Local Wellness Policy*
- Comparative Evaluation Summary: ReNEW's local policy matches national model standards in school meal alignment, water accessibility, and physical activity non-withholding clauses.
- Policy Enhancements Identified: To improve policy comprehensiveness during the next updates, the DWC will evaluate adding language regarding local Farm-to-School procurement and formalizing a dedicated staff wellness subcommittee.

SECTION V: ACTIONABLE NEXT STEPS & GOALS

- Action Item 1: Distribute digital infometrics on Smart Snack-compliant home-brought snacks to parents at the start of each semester.



- Action Item 2: Conduct annual professional development for teachers on integrating kinesthetic learning into core academic instruction (math, science, language arts).
- Action Item 3: Maintain public records of this assessment, meeting minutes, and notification proofs at the network administrative office for 3 years plus the current operating year for State Agency Administrative Review audits.

OFFICIAL ATTESTATION

I hereby certify that this Local School Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment was conducted in accordance with federal USDA regulations (7 CFR 210.31) and Louisiana Department of Education guidelines.

Signature: *Damitria Santiago*

Damitria Santiago, Executive Director of Operations, ReNEW Reinventing Education

Date: August 6, 2025