



Connecticut State Department of Education

School Wellness Policy Report

School District:

Policy Date:

Participated in Healthy Food Certification¹

Comments Section:

2006-2007: 2007-2008:

Summary of School Wellness Policy Scores						
Policy Category	Comprehensiveness			Strength		
	District Score	State Score²	DRG Score³	District Score	State Score²	DRG Score³
Nutrition Education						
School Meals						
Other School Food and Beverages						
Physical Education						
Physical Activity						
Communication and Promotion						
Evaluation						
Overall Policy Score						

The *School Wellness Policy Report* includes an overall score of your district’s school wellness policy based on seven policy categories containing a total of 96 policy items. This report was prepared by the Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity at Yale University, in partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE). It is an analysis of the *content* of the school wellness policy submitted by your district to CSDE in 2007. This report does not address district policy *implementation*.

All scores are based on a scale of 0 to 100. *Comprehensiveness* refers to the proportion of items within each policy area that are simply mentioned by the district’s school wellness policy. *Strength* refers to the proportion of items within each policy area that are addressed with specific and directive language. *State Score* provides the average score for all public school districts in the state.¹ *DRG Score* provides the average score within the district’s District Reference Group (DRG).² The actual district coding for the 96 policy items is contained in the district’s *School Wellness Policy Rating Sheet*. Information on the policy scoring methodology is provided in the Rudd Center’s *Coding Tool for Connecticut School Wellness Policies*, available at http://www.yaleruddcenter.org/what/communities/topic_school_wellness.html.

District school wellness policy reports can be accessed online at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320754>. For additional information, please contact Susan Fiore, Nutrition Education Coordinator, CSDE, at susan.fiore@ct.gov or (860) 807-2075 or Marlene Schwartz, Deputy Director, Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, at (203) 432-0662 or marlene.schwartz@yale.edu.

¹ Districts implementing healthy food certification under Section 10-215f of the Connecticut General Statutes must follow the Connecticut Nutrition Standards. For additional information, see <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2626&q=320754#Standards>.

² The state score is the average of 166 policies received from the public school districts, charters, magnets and endowed academies that were required to develop school wellness policies under the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265).

³ District Reference Group (DRG) is a classification system in which districts that have public school students with similar socioeconomic status and need are grouped together. DRGs are based on the following seven variables: income, education, occupation, family structure, poverty, home language and district enrollment. Charter schools, Connecticut Technical High Schools, and Regional Educational Service Centers are not given DRGs. For additional information, see http://www.csde.state.ct.us/public/cedar/databulletins/db_drg_06_2006.pdf.