

Rhea County Schools
Wellness Policy Assessment

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Objective:	In Compliance	In the process of becoming compliant	Not Compliant
Encourage the use of non-food items when rewards are used	✓		
Encourage using healthy foods for school or classroom events or celebrations when held during the school hours.		✓	
Nutrition education will be made available to parents/guardians and the community. Nutrition education may be provided in the form of newsletters, bulletin boards, televisions in the cafeteria and/or website.	✓		

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Physical Education and Physical Activity

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Rhea County Wellness Plan states that each classroom teacher will encourage physical activity in accordance with the state physical activity law.	✓		
Rhea County Elementary Schools and Middle Schools will	✓		

Greysville Elem 2024

use the Go Noodle Program.			
All students in grades 4, 6, 8 and wellness class are required to participate in the PACER Program.	✓		

Nutrition and Nutrition Education

The Rhea County Schools Wellness Plan states that the district is committed to providing school environments that promote children’s well-being and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating habits. Specifically this policy establishes the following goals and objectives:

Objective:	In Compliance	In the process of becoming compliant	Not Compliant
Ensure that whole grain products are made available	✓		
Fresh fruits and vegetables are offered at least two times per week.	✓		
Any foods sold in schools must meet the Smart Snacks Standards	✓		

Other School Based Activities Designed to Promote Wellness

The Rhea County Schools Wellness Plan states that the district will integrate wellness activities across the entire school setting, not just in the cafeteria, other food and beverage venues, and physical activity settings. In order to create and maintain this environment, Rhea County Schools recognize the importance of the following:

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Students are given adequate time to enjoy eating healthy meals with friends	✓		
Food or physical activity will be discouraged from using as a reward or punishment.	✓		
When fundraising events are permitted, encourage healthy fundraiser as alternatives to fundraisers that involve the selling of food items of limited nutritional value. Each school has a Healthy School Team consisting of	✓		

teachers, students, parents and administrators.			
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Public Notification

The Rhea County Schools Wellness Plan states that the district will notify the public about the Rhea County Wellness Policy on the Rhea County Schools website. In order to inform and involve the public the establishing the following objectives:

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Notify the public regarding the Rhea County Wellness Policy on the Rhea County website and in back to school packets.	✓		
Invite stakeholders to participate in the development, implementation, periodic review and update of the Rhea County Wellness Policy.	✓		

Policies for Food and Beverage Marketing

The goal of the Rhea County Schools Wellness Policy is to provide a school environment that ensures opportunities for all students to practice healthy eating and physical activity behaviors throughout the school day while minimizing commercial distractions by implementing the following objectives:

Objective:	In Compliance	In the process of becoming compliant	Not Compliant
Any foods and beverages marketed or promoted to students on the school campus during the school day will meet or exceed the USDA Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards, such that only those foods that comply with or exceed those nutrition standards are permitted to be marketed or promoted to students.	✓		
As the District/School Nutrition Program/Athletics Department/PTA/PTO reviews existing contracts and considers new contracts, equipment and product purchasing (and replacement) decisions should reflect the applicable marketing guidelines established by the District wellness policy.	✓		

Additional comments about your school's compliance:

School: Greysville Elementary

Name and title of person completing survey: Heather Jewell

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School: Rhen County High School

Name and title of person completing survey: John Howell, PRINCIPAL

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Rhea Middle

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Name and title of person completing survey: John W. Miller

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Spring City Middle 2024

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Name and title of person completing survey: Ashlee Brackett, Principal