

SY 19 Local School Wellness Evaluation Report

United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires an annual evaluation of implementation and compliance to wellness policies within school districts. The purpose of wellness plans and policies is to promote students' health, well-being, and ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity.

SY19 Atlanta Public Schools (APS) Local School Wellness Plan evaluations were completed for 77 school sites; representing all school cafeterias. Evaluations assess implementation of wellness goals set for nutrition, physical fitness, Farm to School, etc. and further evaluates compliance of the APS Board Approved wellness policy as reported at the school level. Overall, schools in compliance with APS Board Approved wellness policy standards ranged from 89.6% to 96.1% compliance (n= 69-74 of 77 schools). The percentage of schools that reported accomplishing 75-100% wellness goals established in October of 2018 by their Local School Wellness Council was 74% (n=57 of 77 schools.) For the 2019-2020 school year, the APS Nutrition Department and the APS District Wellness Council will continue to work with APS school sites to address the reported needs assessed and barriers faced with the goal of increasing compliance and achievement of wellness goals within the District. To obtain a copy of detailed APS wellness policy evaluation report for 2018-2019, please attend the APS District Wellness Council's SY20 meeting planned for September, 2019 or contact the APS Nutrition Department via email at apsnutrition@atlanta.k12.ga.us.