

URBANA SCHOOL DISTRICT #116

2022-2023 District Wellness Committee

DISTRICT WELLNESS COMMITTEE

 Committee Purpose: To establish and monitor goals and objectives for the District's schools, specific and appropriate for each instructional unit, for each of the content-specific components listed in the School Wellness Policy.

- School Meals
- Nutrition Promotion
- Nutrition Education

- Physical Activity
- Other Wellness Initiatives
- Community Engagement



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PE Teachers

School Nutrition Services

Students

Parents

School Nurses

School Board

Principals

School Counselors

Community Leaders

2022-2023 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recruit and invite committee members

Review of School Wellness Policy language

Educate committee about NSLP nutrition standards

Update usd116.org/foodservice webpage

Present to Board of Education in spring 2023



CHALLENGES

- Lack of follow through
- Limited resources
- Lack of accountability
- Cultural norms in conflict with the policy
- Illinois "Right to Play Every Day" Act



School Wellness Coordinators

Responsibilities

- Helping to gain administrative buy-in
- Assisting the school in establishing a School Health Index team;
- Securing time to work on the School Health Index;
- Facilitating the team through the process;
- Following up with the implementation of the School Health Improvement Plan

Excerpt from page 12 of the CDC's Guide to Using the School Health Index



GOALS / OPPORTUNITIES

- Vendor selection
- School-based wellness committees
- Monitor compliance
- Promote awareness
- Unused food sharing
- Menu-planning
- Consistency
- Action plans





Resources

USD #116 Wellness Policy:

https://usd116.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Policy-650-USD-School-Wellness-Policy.pdf

CDC School Health Index Home Page:

https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/shi/index.htm

Illinois Right to Play Every Day Act:

https://ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=102-0357

Illinois State Board of Education Playtime Guidance and Resources: https://www.isbe.net/Documents/ISBE-Play-Time-Guidance-Resources.pdf

Research Articles on the benefits of Health and Health Promotion:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uzp4BSs-2ZoA6t3NslW2hsUqOiM2t0XC?usp=share link