

AFHK School Health Index

Common Challenges and Actions to Advance Your Score!

Common Challenges

- Foods sold and served do not meet USDA Smart
 Snacks Standards
- Lack of nutrition education programs that carry home
- Limited promotion of healthy eating and nutrition



Actions to Advance Your Score

- » Use USDA Smart Snacks as guide for selecting and/or replacing foods sold and served.
 - Resource: <u>USDA Smart Snacks Guide</u> (USDA)
 - Resource: <u>Smart Snacks Standards and Resources</u> (Action for Healthy Kids)
 - Information for implementing at school and aligning at home, take-action steps and resources including the Smart Snacks calculator.
- » Implement nutrition education programs at school and at home to continue learning.
 - Resource: <u>Easy Nutrition Education Activities</u> (Action for Healthy Kids)
- » Create spaces that promote healthy eating and nutrition and integrate into different communications.
 - » Resource: <u>Nutrition Promotion</u> (Action for Healthy Kids)
 - » Resource: <u>Nutrition Education and Promotion</u> (Action for Healthy Kids)





Start small & celebrate success along the way!

Next Steps

- » If you haven't already, gather or build your team.
 - Resource: https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/step-1/
- » Complete the School Health Index in the Action for Healthy Kids School Portal with your school health team.
 - Resource: https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/school-health-index/
- » Use your results to develop an action plan. Identify strengths to build off and focus in on your areas of opportunity.
 - Resource: https://www.actionforhealthykids.org/step-3/



Resources and Support

- Digital Tools and Resources
- Healthy Kids Blog
- Events and Learning
 Opportunities

... and more!

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