



ESTABLISHING HEALTHY SCHOOL TEAMS

Schools across Florida continue taking positive steps towards creating healthier school environments. Recently, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards to ensure that students are only offered nutritious foods and beverages during the school day. USDA also proposed expanding Local School Wellness

Policies to include Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards and bring in additional stakeholders. Healthy School Teams will support the healthy advancements already being made within schools.

The **Healthy School Teams** will be involved in ensuring the successful execution of the USDA proposed rule on Local School Wellness Policy Implementation under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. The final rule is expected to be announced by the summer of 2015.

Responsibilities of the Healthy School Team:

- Ensuring compliance with the USDA's Smart Snacks in School nutrition standards and Florida's competitive food rule;*
- Maintaining a school calendar identifying the dates when exempted competitive food fundraisers will occur; and
- Reporting its school's compliance with the rule to the person(s) overseeing the Local School Wellness Policy.

*The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) published rule 5P-1.003 to further support the efforts of school food service staff, school administrators, teachers, parents and the school community. Florida rule 5P-1.003 requires each district school board to establish a Healthy School Team for all schools under its jurisdiction by June 30, 2015. Visit FDACS' Smart Snacks resource page at FreshforFloridaKids.com for more information.

A **Healthy School Team** should include, but is not limited to, the following stakeholders:

- Parents
- Students
- School food service program representatives
- School administrators
- School health professionals
- Physical education teachers
- The public

For a summary of USDA's proposed Local School Wellness Policy rule visit: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/LWPPpropulesummary.pdf>

