

Certified Healthy School Frequently Asked Questions

Benefits

Q: Why is becoming Certified Healthy important to my school?

A: Certified Healthy School recipients may be eligible to apply for an incentive grant. Certified Healthy is a free assessment tool to see where your school stands on supporting health and to show recognition to schools that go 'above and beyond' to create a healthy, nurturing environment.

Eligibility

Q: What qualifies as School?

A: Any public or private school that educates Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade.

Q: If I was a Certified Healthy School last year, do I need to reapply?

A: Yes, applicants must re-apply each year for certification.

Application Process

Q: When can I apply?

A: The application period runs from August 1st to November 1st.

Q: Where do I apply?

A: Please apply online at www.certifiedhealthyok.com

Q: How do I retrieve my login information from the previous year?

A: Contact the Center for the Advancement of Wellness for help at 405-271-3619.

Q: Can I mail or fax my application?

A: No, all applications must be completed online. We will not accept mailed or faxed applications.

Q: How will I know if my application was submitted successfully?

A: You will receive a confirmation e-mail if your application is submitted successfully. If you do not receive this e-mail, you will need to re-submit.

Q: I work with multiple school sites. Does each one need to apply?

A: As policies and procedures vary by location, we encourage applicants to submit an application for each site. Public schools should apply per site as designated by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Also, we encourage the districts to apply as a business, rather than a school.

Q: My school has an early childcare program connected to it. Should I apply as an early childhood program as well?

A: Yes, we encourage early childhood programs connected to and/or affiliated with a school to apply separately.

Q: I am having technical issues with the application and/or website. Who can I call?

A: Please contact the Center for the Advancement of Wellness at (405) 271-3619.

Q: I have entered my county/school district name on the application and I received an “invalid school district” or “invalid county” code at the top of the application. Why did I get this code?

A: The application is designed to accommodate specific responses. You will need to type in only your district or county name (i.e. “Carter” instead of “Carter County” or “Idabel” instead of “Idabel School District”). The application will not allow the user to move to the following page if the information is not put in exactly the way the system recognizes.

Q: How can I find my school site code?

A: To find this information, please visit: <http://www.ok.gov/sde/state-school-directory> .

Q: When will the awardees be announced?

A: We will send out award decisions in December.

Q: When is the awards ceremony and how much does it cost?

A: The awards ceremony is typically held in March, and cost varies each year.

Criteria

Q: How many criteria are there on the school application?

A: There are 75 criteria total in eight categories.

Q: Are the criteria different from last year?

A: No, this is a non-change year. All Certified Healthy Oklahoma criteria are updated biennially to reflect the latest best and promising practices.

Q: Where did these criteria come from?

A: The Certified Healthy School criteria are based on the Coordinate School Health model, which is now the WSCC model- Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child and is aligned with the School Health Index Assessment Tool.

Q: I need help understanding a criterion. What should I do?

A: First, check out the Resource Guide. If you still need assistance, contact the Center for the Advancement of Wellness at (405) 271-3619 or if you are interested in having someone from your local community assist with your questions, please refer to the contacts section.

Q: These criteria seem difficult. Who can I talk to about implementing these components?

A: Please contact the Center for the Advancement of Wellness at (405) 271-3619 or if you are interested in having someone from your local community assist with your questions, please refer to the contacts section.

Scoring

Q: How will my application be scored?

A: We strive to be as transparent as possible with scoring. We use specific points for scoring, and applicants are scored based on the points of criteria checked in *each* category. Scoring information is available online at <http://certifiedhealthyok.com/school/eligibility-and-scoring/>.

Q: How many criteria do I need to check in each category to be certified?

A: Please see the scoring information on <http://certifiedhealthyok.com/school/eligibility-and-scoring/>. The number of criteria needed for certification varies by certification level.

Q: I did not receive certification last year. How can I improve my score this year?

A: We are here to provide technical assistance to your program. Please call the Center for the Advancement of Wellness at (405) 271-3619, we can pull up your 2015 application and work with you to identify ways to grow your application. Your local county health department is also a great resource for information on criteria implementation.

Contacts

Q: Who do I contact with questions about Certified Healthy Oklahoma?

A: Please contact Julie Dearing at (405) 271-3619 or JulieAD@health.ok.gov.

Q: Who do I contact with questions about Certified Healthy School?

A: Please contact Diane Brown at (405) 271-3619 or dianeEB@health.ok.gov.

Q: Who can I contact locally for help with Certified Healthy?

- **A: Regional Partnership Consultants**
 - Click on the link to find a Partnership Consultant in your area, https://www.ok.gov/health/Community_Health/Partnerships_for_Health_Improvement/Turning_Point/Contact_Information/index.html
- **Healthy Living Program Grantee**
 - Click on the link to find a Healthy Living Program Grantee in your area, https://www.ok.gov/tset/Grant_Opportunities/TSET_Healthy_Living_Program_Grants.html
- **County Health Educators**
 - Click on the link to find a County Health Educator in your area, <https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Health%20Educator%20Map%20March%202015.pdf>
- **Regional Prevention Coordinators**
 - Click on the link to find a Regional Prevention Coordinator in your area, <https://www.ok.gov/odmhsas/documents/RPC%20Network%20Map%20August%202015%20%282%29.pdf>

Q: Who do I talk to about requirements for TSET Healthy Schools Incentive Grants?

A: You can contact Sharon Howard.

- Sharon Howard, Program Manager, Healthy Schools Incentive Grants
 - Email: sharonh@tset.ok.gov

- Phone: 405-521-6231
- For more information about the grant, click the link below
https://www.ok.gov/tset/Programs/Healthy_Schools_Incentive_Grants/index.html