

Office of School Wellness Programs
2016-2017 School Wellness Council Grant Program

Application deadline **EXTENDED** to November 4, 2016

About School Wellness Councils

A School Wellness Council is an advisory group of school staff, parents, and students that brings the school community together to set wellness policies for the school and to provide opportunities for everyone to be healthy, active, and have the energy to learn.

School Wellness Councils are a great way to engage School Leadership Teams, student, government members, parent associations, and community members in setting up physical activity clubs and fitness events, developing healthy snack policies, promoting inclusivity, and making sure PE and health education instruction are valued subjects in schools. The DOE's wellness policies encourage all schools to have a School Wellness Council.

School Wellness Council Grant Program

The Office of School Wellness Programs awards grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$2,500 at the beginning of the school year to all NYC district K-12 public schools to create a School Wellness Council or strengthen the work of an existing council. In addition to funding, grantee schools receive technical assistance, professional development, networking opportunities, resources, and incentives. Past awardees have used their grant to fund programs such as before- and after-school fitness programs and cooking and nutrition classes, and to purchase PE equipment.

Grantee schools participate in a year-end celebration event held in June that showcases the success stories and proven practices of School Wellness Councils across the City.

Eligibility

- All New York City public schools are eligible to apply
- Schools new to the grant program may apply for a \$2,500 Implementation Grant
- Schools that have received a School Wellness Council grant in the past and successfully completed all grant requirements are eligible to apply for \$1,000 Continuation Grant

Program requirements

Schools awarded a grant agree to a number of requirements, including attending orientation and professional development trainings, implementing an action plan, holding regular School Wellness Council meetings, and communicating consistently with the School Wellness Council team at the Office of School Wellness Programs.

How to Apply

- Visit the [School Wellness Portal](#) to apply online and to view video tutorials with step-by-step application instructions.
- Extended application deadline for both grants is **November 4, 2016**.
- Subscribe to [School Wellness Weekly](#) (<http://tinyurl.com/zxcwxgt>) to receive notices of upcoming information and training sessions.

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