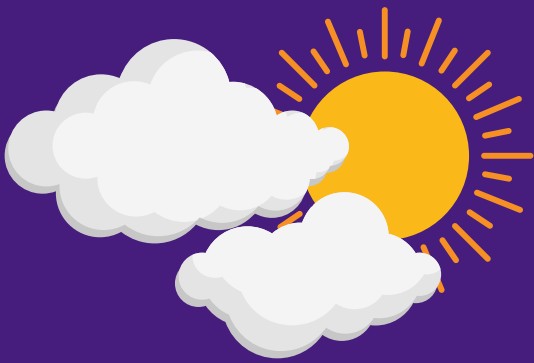


St. Helena Parish Asset Map

Food Systems
Physical Activity
Community Assets

2020





In 2018, the LSU AgCenter entered into a 5-year cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to address the nutrition and physical activity environments in six rural Louisiana parishes with some of the highest obesity rates in the state (Assumption, St. Helena, Tensas, Madison, Morehouse, and East Carroll). Through the LSU AgCenter's Cooperative Extension Healthy Communities initiative, multi-level, community-driven approaches are utilized to identify and implement Policy, Systems, and Environmental (PSE) change strategies, with the goal of promoting healthy behaviors among residents and improving obesity rates and quality of life.

Healthy communities are places where people come together to make their communities better for everyone through collaboration, community ownership, inclusive approaches, and a long-term, positive commitment to healthy lifestyles. The mission of St. Helena Parish Healthy Communities is to educate, empower, and motivate the parish by providing opportunities to develop a more accessible and healthier lifestyle. Goals of St. Helena Healthy Communities include promoting healthful eating and physical activity and providing access to healthful foods and recreational facilities.

The following pages detail the strong network of resources, stakeholders, and community assets within St. Helena Parish.

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Asset Maps identify and provide information about a community's assets: the resources, knowledge, and skills that the community possesses.

St. Helena Parish

Demographics

St. Helena Parish Ranks **57** out of **64** parishes in terms of overall health.



32%

Obesity Rate

20%

Food Insecure

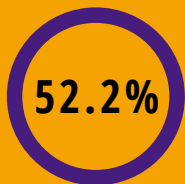
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Physically Inactive

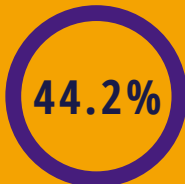
The Healthy Communities cooperative agreement between the Centers for Disease Control and the LSU AgCenter utilizes economic development strategies to improve the local food system and physical activity environment.



As of 2020, the unemployment rate of St. Helena Parish was **6.6%**, compared to the state average of **4.9%**, and **12.7%** of the parish population lacked health insurance.



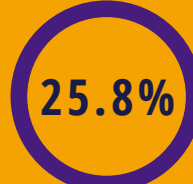
African American



Non-Hispanic White



Eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch



Households Receiving SNAP



Households with No Vehicle



Lack Access to Exercise Opportunities



LSU AgCenter Healthy Communities Food Systems Assessment



Assessment Objective

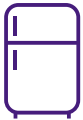
To assess the current food system needs in six rural parishes (Assumption, Tensas, St. Helena, Madison, East Carroll, and Morehouse) supported by the LSU AgCenter's Healthy Communities initiative.

Key Findings

- All six parishes had an abundance of community assets related to the food system. More than one hundred food access points were identified across all six parishes as having the potential to expand or improve their offerings of healthier foods.
- A strong network of community growers and producers was identified in all six parishes.
- Food distribution sites (food pantries, commodity distribution sites, and prepared meal sites) were found to have a high need for equipment and supplies to facilitate procurement and stocking of healthier foods. In addition, a need for procuring more healthy foods was identified for food distribution sites.
- Local grocery stores had the strongest food environment in terms of available healthy foods. Dollar stores were considered an important food access point for residents but scored relatively low compared to groceries in terms of available healthy foods. Residents did not view corner/convenience stores as a viable option for purchasing food, especially when using SNAP.
- Residents often shop for food outside their parish due to poor quality and high prices in their parish, however, five of the six parishes experience higher rates of homes with no vehicle ownership than the state average. Only three of the six parishes were found to have on-demand public transit.



Recommendations



Enhance capacity of food distribution sites to enable procurement and storage of healthier items such as fresh produce, lean meats, and low-fat dairy.



Connect food pantries with local producers identified in each parish. Introduce policies to ensure the sustainability of partnerships.



Implement client choice models and/or nutrition standards at food distribution sites to improve access to and sustainability of healthful foods.



Expand SNAP acceptance at local food outlets already selling fresh fruits and vegetables, such as farmer's markets and produce stands.



Target local grocery stores for healthy retail initiatives focused on connecting local producers to food retailers and making the healthy choice the easy choice for customers.



Increase ridership and awareness of available on-demand transportation services to improve community-wide access to available healthy foods.



Establish local and/or regional food policy councils to connect key food system stakeholders and ensure the sustainability of access to healthy foods in the community.

Resources



Client-Choice Food Pantry Guide:
<https://bit.ly/ClientChoicePantryGuide>

How to Accept SNAP Benefits at Farmers Markets: A Guide for Vendors:
<https://bit.ly/SNAPatFarmersMarkets>

Farmers Market Vendor Training:
<https://bit.ly/MarketVendorTraining>

Getting Started

Connect with LSU AgCenter Healthy Communities to learn more about how we're working to improve the food system in rural Louisiana communities!

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www.facebook.com/LSUAgCenterHC







St. Helena Parish Food System Assets





Restaurants

Ace's Cafe	Corner of Hwy 10 and LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Donut Shop	14474 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Big Guy's	5831 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441

Grocers

Hatfield's Country Store	  	24358 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Market	  	724358 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441





Farmers Markets

St. Helena Farmers Market	 	Corner of Sitman & LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Pharmacies

Greensburg Family Pharmacy	6166 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Fred's Pharmacy	6216 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Convenience Stores

Main Street Market & Deli of Greensburg	 	6032 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
M&M Community Grocery & Deli	 	
Greensburg Seafood & Deli		16815 LA-43 N, Greensburg, LA 70441
Chevron Station		5831 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441
Darlington Grocery		13827 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Grand Paradise Truck Stop & Convenience Store		46447 LA-16, Pine Grove, LA 70453



Dollar Stores

Dollar General 10210	 	16924 Hwy 43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Family Dollar 8482	 	6194 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Dollar General 17361	 	42487 Hwy 16, Pine Grove, LA 70453



= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables

Food Pantries

West St. Helena Food Pantry 	Andrew Chapel United Methodist 50311 Hwy 16, Dennis Mills, LA 70706
Mobile Food Pantry	St. Helena Multipurpose Center 31676 Hwy 16, Amite, LA 70442
Rocky Hill Church Food Pantry 	151 Rocky Hill Rd, Amite City, LA 70422
Food for Families Commodity Distribution Site	MJR Friendly Service Funeral Home 87 Paddio Johnson Lane, Greensburg, LA 70441
Council on Aging Feeding Site/Apostolic Assembly of Christ	48123 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726
Council on Aging Feeding Site/Turner Chapel AME Church	875 Turner Chapel Rd, Greensburg, LA 70441
Louis Ruben Dickerson Helping and Feeding Our Seniors Organization	6271 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Summer Feeding Sites

St. Helena College and Career Academy	14340 Highway 37, Greensburg, LA 70441 May 1 – August 31, Breakfast and lunch
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Nutrition Programs

Smart Bodies
Regional Cookery
Parish Cookery

Community and School Gardens

Arts & Technology Academy
2nd Ward Community Garden
St. Helena Head Start ECE
St. Helena Early Learning Center ECE
Ray Smith Memorial Early Learning Center ECE
St. Helena Parish Courthouse

Youth Agriculture Programs

4-H
Junior Master Gardeners
Youth Wetlands
Livestock Project



Interested in becoming a Summer Feeding Site

AgCenter Programs and Resources





Edible School Garden Project

Ag Wonders

Ag Magic

LSU and Southern University AgCenter St. Helena Parish Extension Office

Growers and Producers

Hall Farms 	Ruthie Holmes 
Cryer's Family Produce 	Muse 3 Farm
Jones Family Farm 	Fuchsia Farms
Starkey Farmstead	Lazarus Farms
Black Creek Farm	Robert Sharkey Jr.

Locally Produced

Fresh produce	Turnips
Lettuce	Citrus
Cauliflower	Beef
Broccoli	Goat



= Currently sells fresh fruits and vegetables



Use your Asset Map to visualize the networks of service organizations, community organizations, neighborhood resources, and other groups that exist to serve the community.



St. Helena Physical Activity Assets



Parks, Playgrounds, Fields, and Courts

5th Ward Park	31676 Hwy 16 Amite, LA 70422	Pond for fishing & basketball court
Charlie Overton Park	222 Trailride Ln Greensburg, LA 70441	Basketball court & baseball field
Greensburg Park	South 3rd St., Greensburg, LA 70422	

Fitness Centers

St. Helena Parish Hospital Gym
Fifth Ward Recreation & Community Center

Walking Trails

Greensburg Park Walking Path
5th Ward Park Walking Path

Use your Asset Map as a resource when considering advocacy and policy in your community. Asset Maps highlight the availability or lack of community assets, and they can serve as a powerful tool when trying to make a case for needed policy, locally or on a state level.



St. Helena Parish Healthy Communities Rural Active Living Report Card

(Amenities and facilities assessed are within a 15-mile radius of the Greensburg town center.)

Town-Wide Assessment Score **41%**

Strengths: parks and playgrounds, school location

Areas for improvement: town and school policies

School Location



There is an elementary school in my town that children can walk to. 0/6

There is a middle school in my town that children can walk to. 5/5

There is a high school in my town that children can walk to. 4/4

9/15

Trails



There is a hiking or walking trail within 15-miles of the town center. 8/8

There is a biking path within 15-miles of the town center. 0/8

There is some other type of trail within 15-miles of the town center. 0/8

8/20

Parks and Playgrounds



Public park 8/8

Public playground 8/8

School playgrounds with shared use 0/7

Other parks or playgrounds with community access 0/2

16/25

Water Activities



Public use swimming pools 0/4

Swimming beach 0/4

River with canoe/boat/water-sport access 0/1

Other water activity amenities and facilities 1/1

1/10

Recreation Facilities



Town recreational center (town-owned, YMCA, etc.) 0/10

Playing field or courts 7/7

Skate park 0/7

Private fitness facility (e.g. Gold's, Curves, etc.) 2/2

Roller skating rink 0/2

Ice skating rink 0/2

Other recreation facilities or amenities 0/6

9/36

Total Points Earned 43/106

Policy and Programs Score **18%**

Town Policies



Town has a policy requiring bikeways/pedestrian walkways in new public infrastructure projects. 0/10

0/10

Town Programs



Town has a public recreation department. 0/10

Town has a private recreation organization (e.g. YMCA) 4/4

Either public or private department/organization (or both) offers physical activity programming for youth. 0/4

Either public or private department/organization (or both) provides scholarship/sliding fee scale for lower income residents. 0/4

There are organized transportation options (either public or private) that help children get to/participate in physical activity opportunities. 0/4

Public or private department/organization (or both) allows resources/facilities to be available for local resident use outside of programming. 4/4

8/30

School Policies



Schools in the town allow public access to their recreation facilities after school hours. 0/15

Public Schools offer a late-bus option for children that stay after school for sponsored activities. 0/15

0/30

School Programs



There are "Walk to School" programs or other programs that encourage children to walk or bike to school. 0/15

Schools are participating in other activities (excluding "Walk to School" programs) that are included in the National "Safe Routes to School" program. 0/5

Schools offer other sponsored physical activity initiatives for students (do not include gym/phys-ed classes). 10/10

10/30


Total Policy and Programs Points Earned 18/100

St. Helena Parish Community Assets





Education

Public Schools

St. Helena College & Career Academy 	14340 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Arts & Technology Academy	1798 LA-1042, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Virtual Academy	Greensburg, LA 70441

Early Care and Education (ECE)

Ray Smith Memorial Early Learning Center	7067 Highway 10, Greensburg, LA 70441	Early Head Start/Head Start Number of students: 8
St. Helena Head Start and Early Head Start 	77 Greensburg St., Greensburg, LA 70441	Early Head Start/Head Start Number of students: 72
St. Helena Early Learning Center 	1590 LA 1042, Greensburg, LA 70441	St. Helena Parish School District; Number of students: 256

Community College


Northshore Technical Community College	7067 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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School Board

St. Helena Parish School Board	354 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Citizen's Associations

Community Centers

St. Helena Multipurpose Center and Recreation Park 	31676 LA-16, Amite City, LA 70422
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Seniors' Groups

Council on Aging	48 Kendrick St., Greensburg, LA 70441
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Youth Groups

4-H	LSU AgCenter, Southern University AgCenter
School Athletic Programs	St. Helena College & Career Academy, St. Helena Arts & Technology Academy



= On-site produce garden



= Food pantry





Other Citizen's Associations

American Legion

Greensburg, LA 71366

Community Organizations

Faith Based Organizations

Andrew Chapel		50311 LA-16, Dennis Mills, LA 70706
Antioch Baptist Church		50113 Antioch Rd, Tickfaw, LA 70466
Apostolic Assembly of Christ		48123 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA 7070
Day's United Methodist Church		23689 LA-43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Dale's Chapel		991 LA-43, Independence, LA 70443
Darlington United Methodist		14264 LA-38, Greensburg, LA 70441
First Baptist Church		6260 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg United Methodist Church		6146 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Jackson Chapel AME Church		77 Jackson Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Lazzard Temple		15643 LA-43, Greensburg, LA 70441
Matthews Chapel		491 Otis & Willie Matthews Rd., Denham Springs, LA 70706
Mount Everett AME Church		4289 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
Montpelier United Methodist Church		2087-2099 St Helena Ave, Montpelier, LA 70422
New Hope Church		325 New Hope Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Redbluff Baptist Parsonage		361 Palmer Ln., Greensburg, LA 70441
Rocky Hill Church		151 Rocky Hill Rd, Amite City, LA 70422
Pine Grove United Methodist Church		3335 LA-449, Greensburg, LA 70441
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church		4225 LA-449, Pine Grove, LA 70453
Rick Chapel		211 Zachary Rd., Amite City, LA 70422
Shiloh Baptist Church		Shiloh Baptist Church Rd., Pine Grove, LA 70453
Tangipahoa Baptist Church		40 LA-440, Kentwood, LA 70444
Turner Chapel AME Church		875 Turner Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441
Venable Chapel AME Church		Venable Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441



= Food Pantry

Housing Organizations

Sitman Heights Apartments	735 Old Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Morgan Hills Apartments	713 LA 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Substance Abuse Homes, Domestic Violence Shelters, Counseling Services

St. Helena Drug Abuse Clinic	161 North Second St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Hospital (Substance abuse)	16874 Hwy 43 North, Greensburg, LA 70441
Southeast Community Health Systems (Behavioral health facility)	490 Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441

Private Sector

Chamber of Commerce

Baton Rouge Area Chamber (serves 9 parishes in the capital region)	564 Laurel St., Baton Rouge 70801
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Banks

First Guaranty Bank	6151 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
SHPE Federal Credit Union	1110 Hwy 1042, Greensburg, LA 70441
Bank of Greensburg: Montpelier Branch	Hwy 16, Montpelier, LA 70422

Local Business

Cajun Country Corn Maze	40833 LA-16, Amite City, LA 70422
Lucky Dollar Casino	5869 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
NAPA Auto Parts	42360 LA-16, Pine Grove, LA 70453

Local Retail

Double R Hometown Hardware	1072 LA-10 Spur, Greensburg, LA 70441
Bear Creek Western Store	35999 LA-16, Montpelier, LA 70422
Dykes Feed and Seed	35504 LA-16, Montpelier, LA 70422

Insurance Companies

Farm Bureau Insurance	6156 LA-10 Greensburg, LA 70441
The General	6131 LA-10 Ste B Greensburg, LA 70441
Carter's Insurance	Zachary Taylor Pkwy., Greensburg, LA 70441

Local, State and Federal

Post Office

Greensburg Post Office	6638 Hwy 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
Pine Grove Post Office	7185 Shiloh Baptist Church Rd., Pine Grove, LA 70453

Police

Greensburg Police Department	14516 LA-37, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Sheriff's Department	53 North 2nd St., Greensburg, LA 70441

Emergency Personnel

North Helena VFD FPD #3	5138 Hwy 1043, Greensburg, LA 70441 (2 Substations)
Greensburg Volunteer Fire Department	13775 Hwy 37, Greensburg, LA 70441
South 2nd Ward Fire Department	1021 Turner Chapel Rd., Greensburg, LA 70441 (1 Substation)
St. Helena District #4	8352 Hwy 37, Greensburg, LA 70441 (2 Substations)
Montpelier VFD	36400 Hwy 16, Montpelier, LA 70422
Pine Grove VFD #2	72 Matthew St., Pine Grove, LA 70453 (1 Substation)
Sixth Ward VFD	3986 Highway 38, Kentwood, LA 70444
Hillsdale VFD	3313 Hwy 1045, Amite, LA 70422 (2 Substations)
St. Helena Parish Hospital Ambulance Services	16874 Highway 43, Greensburg, LA 70441

Library

The Audubon Library	6108 LA-10 Greensburg, LA
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Transportation Services

Department of Public Safety/Office of Motor Vehicle	38 S Main St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Council on Aging Para Transit Vans	Service area: St. Helena Parish, Hammond \$5 for seniors; \$10 for non-seniors


Government Agencies

St. Helena Tourist Commission	8140 Highway 10, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Courthouse	369 Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Registrar of Voters	Parish Courthouse 369 Sitman St. #104, Greensburg, LA 70441

St. Helena Parish Jail	Corner of N. Main St. and Sitman St., Greensburg, LA 70441
Assessor's Office	351 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
Clerk of Court	369 Sitman St. #101, Greensburg, LA 70441
Office of Emergency Preparedness	17911 Highway 43 North, Greensburg, LA 70441

Medical and Healthcare

Public and Private Hospitals

St. Helena Parish Hospital	16874 LA-43 Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Parish Hospital Emergency Room	16874 LA-43 Greensburg, LA 70441
Southeast Community Health Systems 	490 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441
St. Helena Health Unit	53 North Second St., Greensburg, LA 70441
Greensburg Walk-In Clinic	6763 Hwy. 10, Greensburg, LA 70441

Private Medical

Varnado Family Practice	6214 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Pharmacies

Greensburg Family Pharmacy	6166 LA-10, Greensburg, LA 70441
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Nursing Homes/Assisted Living









St. Helena Parish Nursing Home	32 N 2nd St., Greensburg, LA 70441
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Dental











Myron Culberson, DDS	449 College, Greensburg, LA 70441
Leach Thomas R DDS	490 Sitman, Greensburg, LA 70441







Louisiana Obesity Prevention Standards and Legislation

Policy Type	Policy #	Policy Description
	HCR 150	Directs the Department of Social Services to assess efforts in Louisiana to promote healthy food choices among recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
	HCR 231	Requests the Office of Group Benefits to conduct a study on the financial benefits of establishing a program to address the high rate of obesity in Louisiana.
	Act 388	Aims to stimulate investment in healthy food retail outlets in underserved areas and to combat food deserts by insuring everyone has access to fresh fruits and vegetables.
	Act No. 252	Healthy Food Retail Act to stimulate investment in healthy food retail outlets in underserved areas. Program created in the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and currently not funded.
	ACT 306	Amended 2005 Act 331, School Vending Bill, to provide that 100 (previously 50%) of beverages sold on high school campuses adhere to healthy guidelines.
	SCR 94	Requests the Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the Department of Education to implement a Farm to School Program and to assist schools with local procurement options for fresh fruit, vegetables, meats, and seafood.
	SCR 96	Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals and the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to submit jointly a report to the legislature regarding the availability of water for student consumption at elementary and secondary schools.
	HB 1	Among other items, sets standards for nutritious meals. The bill sets performance indicators for the School Food and Nutrition Program and for child and adult care food and nutrition activities to ensure that nutritious meals are served to children.
	HB 193	Authorizes the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to promulgate rules and regulations to implement U.S. Department of Agriculture nutrition programs. The bill requires the Department of Education to implement the nutrition programs pursuant to such rules and regulations. It allows the department to conduct studies regarding methods of improving and expanding nutrition programs and promoting nutritional education in the schools, and also authorizes the department to conduct appraisals of the nutritive benefits of nutrition programs and report its findings and recommendations to the governor.

	HB 767	Revises nutrition standards for beverages sold in public high schools. The bill states that beverages offered for sale to high school students will be comprised of bottled water; no calorie or low-calorie beverages that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces; up to 12-ounce servings of beverages that contain 100 percent fruit juice with no added sweeteners and up to 120 calories per eight ounces; up to 12 ounce servings of any other beverage that contains no more than 66 calories per eight ounces; or low-fat milk, skim milk and non-dairy milk. It requires that at least 50 percent of non-milk beverages be water and no-calorie or low-calorie options that contain up to 10 calories per eight ounces.
	SB 299	The Healthy Food Retail Act requires the Department of Agriculture and Forestry to establish a program that provides grants and loans to healthy food retailers that increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables and other affordable healthy foods in underserved communities. The program can finance new grocery store construction and renovations, farmers' markets and public markets; and food cooperatives, mobile markets and healthy food delivery projects. Applicants must demonstrate that they will sell fresh fruits and vegetables in underserved communities, especially to SNAP and Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants.
	HCR 209	Requests the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to study the feasibility of increasing PE units required for high school graduation.
	Act No. 256	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in schools. Review of current pilot program using Fitnessgram with intent to expand statewide.
	Act 180	Requires the Department of Education to hire a Health and Physical Education Coordinator who will be responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of health and physical education curricula in all public elementary and secondary schools in the state.
	Act 734	Physical fitness and nutrition of students. Establishment and implementation of a pilot program and School Health Awards for outstanding program of physical activity. Public schools, grades K-6, provide 30 minutes each school day of quality, moderate to vigorous physical activity.
	ACT 286	Requires physical activity for students (K-8, at least 30 min per day) and establishment of School Health Advisory Councils in each city, parish and other local public school board.
	ACT 351	Provides that elementary, secondary, or charter schools that enter into a joint-use agreement do not incur any liability for injuries to persons or property. Joint use agreements expand access to playgrounds, gymnasiums, and tracks that are already located within communities

	SCR 95	Requests the Department of Education to issue a report as to the number of joint-use agreements in place throughout the state and include a plan to promote the use of such agreements.
	SB 309	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in schools to reduce childhood obesity, including baseline measures of fitness and body mass index and measurement of the effectiveness of interventions. The bill expands a pilot program to provide statewide implementation focused on school systems with high poverty levels.
	HB 400	Requires public schools to provide at least 30 minutes of physical activity each school day for students in grades seven and eight. The bill also requires each city, parish and local school board to establish a local school health advisory council, the members of which shall be appointed by the school board.
	Bulletin 741	Requires students in grades 1-8 to receive 150 minutes of physical education per week. Allows an approved Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp program to be substituted for the 2 credits of health and physical education upon board approval. This code further allows students to be exempted from this requirement for medical reasons only, but the number of credits required for graduation remains at 23.
	RS 17:17.1	Requires each elementary and secondary school to provide improved physical activity and fitness in schools by encouraging innovative physical education programs.
	Bulletin 741	Requires 1.5 units of physical education for public high school graduation. In The Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators (2005), requires 2 units of health and physical education for non-public high school graduation.
	RS 17:276	Requires each public secondary school to offer, as part of the physical education program, sexually segregated contact sports and sexually integrated noncontact sports with the options for students to choose either or both.
	RS 17:1941	Requires school districts to make available physical education services, specially designed if necessary, to every student with a disability receiving a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE). It also requires schools to make available specially designed physical education (Adapted Physical Education) for students with disabilities as prescribed in the student's Individual Education Program (IEP).
	Bulletin 102	Outlines state Physical Education Content Standards (2009). The standards document also serves as a suggested curriculum framework, although local schools are not required to adhere to it.
	RS 17.17.5	Provides for health-related fitness assessments to determine physical fitness levels of students in school. The bill expands a pilot program to provide for statewide implementation focused on school systems with high

		poverty levels.
	Act No. 147	Provides for bicyclists and vehicle safety.
	SCR 110	Requests formation of a complete streets work group in the Department of Transportation and Development that will develop complete streets guidelines that will apply any time state or Federal funds are used to build a roadway or bridge.
	SCR 77	Requests the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) and DOE to examine the adequacy of current practices for ensuring preventive health and well-being of adolescents in Louisiana.
	ACT 288	Provides for the establishment and administration of a targeted coordinated school health program for the purpose of reducing childhood obesity and a grant program to assist public school governing authorizes with implementation.
	HB 538	Creates the Agricultural Products Processing Development Fund to support development and enhancement of processing raw agricultural products by providing loans to eligible facilities through the Louisiana Agricultural Finance Authority.
	HB 358	Provides that elementary, secondary, or charter schools that enter into a joint-use agreement do not incur any liability for injuries to persons or property. It does not exclude liability for gross negligence or willful and wanton misconduct. Provides that the school executing a joint-use agreement shall require the other party to maintain and provide proof of insurance coverage. Provides much needed clarification and will expand access to playgrounds, gymnasiums, and tracks that are already located within communities.

Policy Type Key



Physical



School



Nutrition



Transportation

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