

Introducing LEAP Awards!



LEAP

**Leaders in Eating &
Activity Practices**

What is LEAP?

- An annual recognition awards program to recognize sites that achieve significant milestones in best practices for healthy eating and physical activity
- Determined by practices measured on Learn-setting SLAQs

Who is eligible for a LEAP award?

- Schools, out-of-school time programs, and early care and education sites that complete and submit a Learn-setting SLAQ

How does it work?

There are two ways sites can earn a LEAP award.

1. Comprehensive accomplishment of best practices across the different areas measured on the SLAQ in three tiers



2. Accomplishments for best practices in four specific areas



Nutrition



Physical Activity



Gardens



**Breastfeeding
Support**

To assign gold-silver-bronze tiers, SLAQ sections were classified as Core and Complementary using IWP guidance:

“Core” sections ask primarily about practices related to core IWP strategies, which are considered essential to intervention effectiveness

“Complementary” sections ask primarily about practices related to complementary IWP strategies, which should be implemented in conjunction with core strategies

How Tiered Awards are Assigned



Gold

70% score in all core sections



70% score in 2 or more complementary sections



Silver

70% score in all core sections



70% score in 1 complementary section



Bronze

70% score in all core sections

Core and Complementary Sections used for LEAP Tiers

Section	Elementary/Secondary Schools	Early Care and Education	Out of School Time
1	<i>Wellness Policies and Meal Program Participation</i>	<i>Wellness Policies and Meal Program Participation</i>	<i>Wellness Policies and Meal Program Participation</i>
2	<i>Meals and School Meal Environment</i>	<i>Meal and Snack Foods and Beverages</i>	<i>Meal and Snack Foods and Beverages</i>
3	<i>Food and Drink around the School</i>	<i>Food Environment and Feeding Practices</i>	<i>Food Environment and Feeding Practices</i>
4	Garden [†]	Gardens and Nutrition Education*	Gardens and Nutrition Education*
5	Nutrition Education	<i>Physical Activity and Entertainment Screen Time</i>	<i>Physical Activity and Entertainment Screen Time</i>
6	<i>Physical Education</i>	Parent/Family Involvement	Parent/Family Involvement
7	Physical Activity	Breastfeeding Support [†]	
8	Parent and Family Involvement		

Core sections are identified above by green, italicized text.

*Section 4 of ECE and OST SLAQs includes both gardens and nutrition education. Only nutrition education questions are included in tier calculations. Garden questions are only counted for the Garden Badge.

†Gardens (schools) and Breastfeeding Support (ECE) are counted only for Badges and excluded from tier calculations.

How Badges are Assigned



Nutrition

70% of possible points across all nutrition questions



Physical activity

70% of possible points across all physical activity questions



Gardens

70% of possible points across all garden questions



Breastfeeding support

70% of possible points across all breastfeeding support questions

Questions by badge: Elementary and Secondary School SLAQs (FFY 23 version)

	<i>Section 1</i>	<i>Section 2</i>	<i>Section 3</i>	<i>Section 4</i>	<i>Section 5</i>	<i>Section 6</i>	<i>Section 7</i>	<i>Section 8</i>
Nutrition	1.5, 1.6, 1.7	all	all		all			8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.7
PA						all	all	8.3, 8.8
Gardens				all				

Questions by badge: ECE SLAQ (FFY 23 version)

	<i>Section 1*</i>	<i>Section 2</i>	<i>Section 3</i>	<i>Section 4</i>	<i>Section 5</i>	<i>Section 6</i>	<i>Section 7</i>
Nutrition	1.3, 1.5	all	all	4.7-4.9		6.3, 6.5, 6.7	
PA	1.3				all	6.4	
Gardens	1.3			4.1-4.6			
Breastfeeding support							all

*Question 1.3 is a checklist covering a variety of wellness policy topics. Specific checklist items relevant to each badge will be counted.

Questions by badge: OST SLAQ (FFY 23 version)

	<i>Section 1*</i>	<i>Section 2</i>	<i>Section 3</i>	<i>Section 4</i>	<i>Section 5</i>	<i>Section 6</i>
Nutrition	1.3	all	all	4.7-4.9		6.3, 6.5, 6.7
PA	1.3				all	6.4
Gardens	1.3			4.1-4.6		

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What will LEAP awardees receive?

- LEAP awards include a digital promotion package each site can use to share their accomplishments:
 - Email signature
 - Web graphics
 - Social media templates
 - Newsletter templates

When are awards given?

- NPI will use SLAQs submitted by the end of each fiscal year to determine awards
- Award notifications will be shared during the first quarter of the next fiscal year (i.e., first awards released by December 2023)

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