Introducing LEAP Awards!



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





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

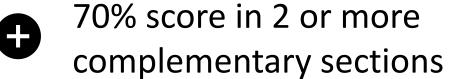
"Complementary" sections ask primarily about practices related to complementary IWP strategies, which should be implemented in conjunction with core strategies



How Tiered Awards are Assigned



70% score in all core sections





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70% score in 1 complementary section



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	Wellness Policies and Meal	Wellness Policies and Meal	Wellness Policies and Meal
	Program Participation	Program Participation	Program Participation
2	Meals and School Meal	Meal and Snack Foods and	Meal and Snack Foods and
	Environment	Beverages	Beverages
3	Food and Drink around the	Food Environment and Feeding	Food Environment and Feeding
	School	Practices	Practices
4	Gardens†	Gardens and Nutrition Education*	Gardens and Nutrition Education*
5	Nutrition Education	Physical Activity and	Physical Activity and Entertainment
		Entertainment Screen Time	Screen Time
6	Physical Education	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.

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

^{*}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.

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)

	Section 1	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6	Section 7	Section 8
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)

	Section	Section	Section	Section	Section	Section	Section
	1*	2	3	4	5	6	7
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)

	Section 1*	Section 2	Section 3	Section 4	Section 5	Section 6
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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