



Non- Food Reward Questions for Inclusion in Teaching Observations

Purpose: To monitor and promote this best practice and/or compliance with the district's wellness policy prohibiting food-based rewards in classrooms by integrating a specific line item into classroom walkthrough forms.

Directions: Complete the checklist during teacher observations.

Item	Observed?	Comments
Evidence of non-food rewards used to reinforce student behavior or academic achievement	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable	Describe reward if observed (e.g., praise, free time, privilege, class job)
Evidence of food being used as a student reward	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable	Describe food used (type of food, context, frequency if known)
Alignment with Wellness Policy (Reward Practices)	☐ Fully aligned ☐ Partially aligned ☐ Not aligned	Notes:

Notes for Observers:

- Examples of non-food rewards: extra recess, homework pass, positive call home, sticker, class game time, student helper role. See [“Why We Don’t Use Food as a Reward”](#) and [“Rewards Done Right Training”](#)
- Use "Not Applicable" if the visit did not include any observed reward moments.
- Be objective and focus on evidence rather than interpretation.