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Learn SLAQ Refresher Training

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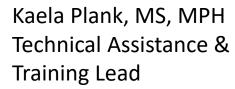
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Agenda

Broad overview of SLAQ materials

• Who, what, when, where and why

Updates and revisions for FFY 2023

- Content revisions
- Demonstration of new Survey123 features

Q&A

New resources

SLAQ recognition program

Q&A







Learn SLAQ Overview

The who, what, when, where and why







SLAQ Settings







Elementary Schools



Secondary Schools



Out-of-school (OST)



Food Retail Stores







Our focus for today



Early Care and Education (ECE)



Elementary Schools



Secondary Schools



Out-of-school (OST)



Food Retail Stores







SLAQs provide comprehensive and structured site information about the nutrition and physical activity environment.

They are completed by the staff at each site who are most knowledgeable about these practices and policies.









What is assessed?

Current healthy eating and physical activity policies and practices at site.

Does not include planned but not yet implemented activities.









SLAQ Data Uses

- Program planning
- Track change over time
- Contribute to aggregated statewide program evaluation







SLAQs completed *annually* for sites with **site-level CFHL PSE work** at the beginning of the program year (ECE/OST) or school year, before implementation of CFHL intervention.







Let's take a tour of the SLAQ resources







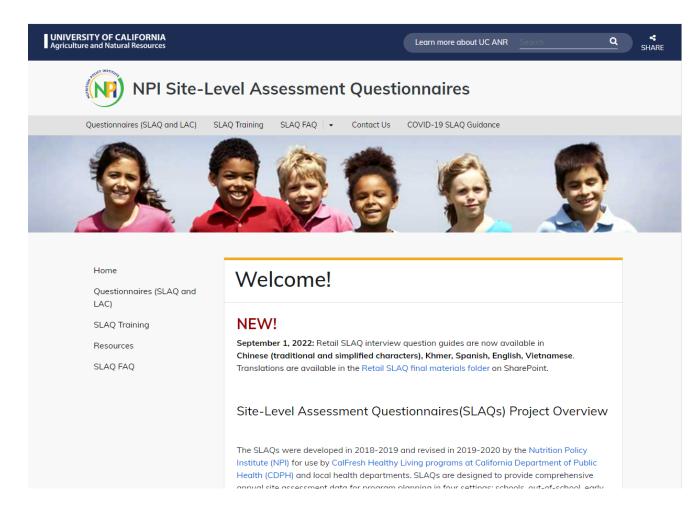


Bookmark the SLAQ Website!

Access to:

- Trainings
- Additional Resources
- FAQs
- Online questionnaires
- SLAQ Materials Folders

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/





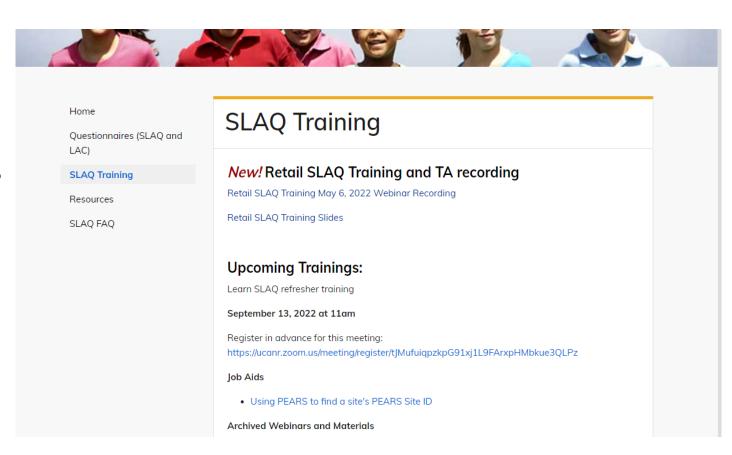


SLAQ Training page

Go here for:

- To sign up for upcoming trainings
- Job aids
- Past training recordings and slides

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ_Training/





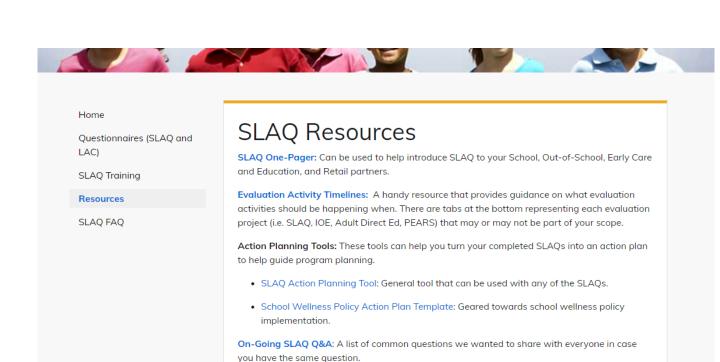




Resources page

Offers additional resources that can be useful for conducting assessments

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/Resources/





Promising Practices Exchange on Assessments: This training video from CalFresh Healthy
Living Promising Practices Exchange goes over the value of assessment and specifically how to

use SLAQ Action Plan tool and how to engage sites once you get SLAQ scores.





SLAQ FAQ page

- Access FAQs about commonly asked questions.
- We have a whole page dedicated to the Learn SLAQs.

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/FAQ/LEARN/

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LEARN Setting SLAQs

Retail SLAQ

Getting Buy-In

Special SLAQ Situations

LEARN Setting SLAQs

- · How are "out-of-school" sites defined?
- I am working in an out-of-school site, but only during the summer months. Do I need to complete a SLAQ?
- · How should the LEARN SLAQs be completed and submitted?

How are "out-of-school" sites defined?

Out-of-school sites include *any before or after school programs*. This would include programs on a school site, as well as off-site programs such as those offered by YMCA and Boys & Girls Club. Currently, out-of-school time summer programs do not need to complete a SLAQ.

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I am working in an out-of-school site, but only during the summer months. Do I need to complete a SLAQ?

While out-of-school sites include programs that occur on a school site, as well as off-site programs such as those offered by YMCA and Boys & Girls Club, you only need to complete a SLAQ if you are doing school-year or year-round work at the site. If you are working in a program that occurs during the *summer months only*, you do not need to complete a SLAQ and can choose to use a different assessment tool to meet the IWP requirement.

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How should the LEARN SLAQs be completed and submitted?









Questionnaires page on SLAQ website

Access Survey123 links for online submission of SLAQ responses.

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ_Questionnaires/

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Access the SLAQ Materials Folders here

Online SLAQ Submission

Use these links to complete an online SLAQ survey live or to submit responses that have been pre-recorded on a printable form.

Early Care and Education: FFY 22

Out of School Time: FFY 22

Elementary School: FFY 22

Secondary School: FFY 22

Retail: FFY 22

Online LHD Activity Checklist Submission

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Early Care and Education

Out of School Time

School: Elementary | Secondary

Retail









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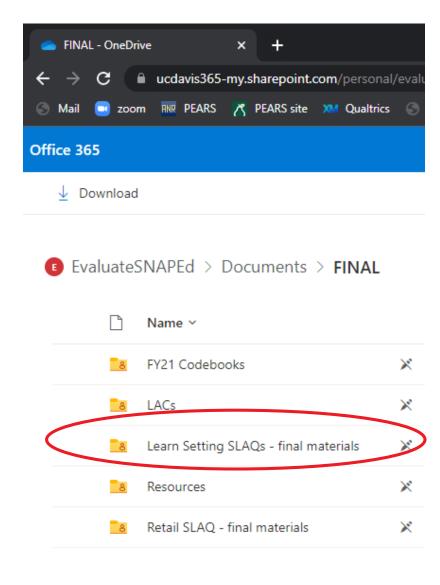




Inside the SLAQ Materials Folders

Access all materials needed to complete the Learn Setting SLAQs

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ Questionnaires/











Learn Setting SLAQs folder

Contains:

- SLAQ Word document versions
- SLAQ PDF versions
- SLAQ Protocols
- Go to FY 23 folder for updated SLAQs

■ EvaluateSNAPEd > Documents > FINAL > Learn Setting SLAQs - final materials A

	Name Y		Modified ~	Modified By Y	File
8	ECE Translations	×	January 11, 2021	Christina M Becker	7 it
8	FY 23	×	September 2	Janice Kao	4 it
8	Protocols	×	October 1, 2020	EvaluateSNAPEd	2 it
8	SLAQ PDF Versions	×	December 22, 2021	Christina M Becker	4 it
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w	FY22 ECE SLAQ_9.27.21.docx	×	September 27, 2021	Christina M Becker	285
will	OST SLAQ_2.23.21.docx	×	August 30, 2021	Christina M Becker	278
w	Secondary SLAQ_10.19.20.docx	×	September 2	Carolyn Dawn Rider	293









Word version of SLAQs

Use when:

- Site partners prefer to complete SLAQ on paper, scan SLAQ and mail back to LHD.
- Site partners want to convert SLAQ to a Google Doc or other cloud-based shared document.
- LHD enters SLAQ responses into Survey123.

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Elementary School Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire

Developed by the University of California Nutrition Policy Institute for the California Department of Public Health

Here is some basic information about the Elementary School Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire (SLAQ):

- WHAT does it include? Questions that assess current healthy eating and physical
 activity practices at a school site, even if students are doing distance learning full or part
 time (e.g. hybrid learning model). Do NOT include practices that are planned but not yet
 implemented.
- WHO should complete it? One or more individuals that are familiar with the policies and practices in place at this school.
- WHEN should this be completed? Annually, <u>before</u> interventions begin for the school
 year at this site.
- WHY? To understand a school's need for healthy eating and physical activity supports, and to measure change and improvements over time.
- HOW? It can be completed on paper or on-line. If you complete it on paper, you will need to enter your data into Survey 123 in order to submit your responses: https://ucanr.edu/sites/slaq/SLAQ_Questionnaires/

Tips and additional information:

- Review the questionnaire before beginning to decide who should be involved in completing each section and gather any materials/documents you may need.
- Do your best to estimate the current situation so that change over time can accurately be assessed. Do NOT include practices that are planned but not yet implemented.
- Current practices may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic or other emergencies. It
 is important that you report practices in place at the time you complete the
 questionnaire, even though they may differ from the usual practices. There is a question
 at the end of each section to comment on these impacts. These questions are not
 included when computing scores.

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Elementary School SLAQ: Site Information

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Revised 9/2/2020









Fillable PDFs of SLAQs

Use when:

- Site partners want to complete the SLAQ on a computer and email back to the LHD.
- The SLAQ has multiple respondents at a site (e.g., school).
- LHD enters responses directly into Survey123.





























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- WHEN should this be completed? Annually, before interventions begin for the school
- WHY? To understand a school's need for healthy eating and physical activity supports, and to measure change and improvements over time.
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- Do your best to estimate the current situation so that change over time can accurately
- . Current practices may be impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a space in each section to comment on these impacts. COVID-19-specific questions will not impact

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Elementary School SLAQ: Instructions

Revised 9/2/2020









Survey123 Online SLAQ

- Can be used by LHD or Site partner to complete SLAQs.
- Recommendation: LHD should enter responses into Survey123 for Elementary and Secondary school SLAQs.

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ Questionnaires/

Out-of-School Time Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire

Out-of-School Time Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire







Nutrition Policy Institute

Developed by

the University of California Nutrition Policy Institute

for the California Department of Public Health

Here is some basic information about the Out-of-School (OST) Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire (SLAQ):

- WHAT does it include? Questions that assess current healthy eating and physical activity practices at an OST site. Do NOT include practices that are planned but not yet implemented.
- WHO should complete it? One or more individuals that are familiar with the policies and practices in place at this site.
- WHEN should this be completed? Annually, <u>before</u> interventions for the program year begin at this site.
- WHY? To understand a site's need for healthy eating and physical activity supports, and to measure change and improvements over time.
- HOW? It can be completed on paper or on-line. If you complete it on paper, you will need to enter your data here in order to submit your responses.

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- Step-by-step guide for LHDs
- Answers commonly asked questions about SLAQ administration.
- Protocol checklists help track progress towards completion

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ Questionnaires/







Nutrition Policy Institute

Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire (SLAQ) Protocol for School Sites

SLAQ Website and Resources

SLAQs and related resources can be found on the SLAQ website:

Website URL: https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/

Have a question?
Send an email to
EvaluateSNAPEd@ucanr.edu

(Yes! That's the NPI PEARS email too!)

The SLAQ website serves as a landing page where you can find links to:

- Download digital copies of site questionnaires and LHD activity checklists (LACs).
- · Enter and submit completed questionnaires.
- Access trainings.
- Access <u>resources</u>, like the <u>SLAQ one-pager</u> to help introduce SLAQs to schools and the <u>action planning materials</u>.
- · Get help with SLAQs or LACs.

Each school that you are involved in site-level PSE work with should complete a SLAQ annually:

Checklist for Completing a SLAQ

Use this checklist to track your progress towards SLAQ completion. Detailed, step-by-step instructions can be found below.

- ☐ Initiate a conversation with your site about filling in the questionnaire.
 - Identify a Site Lead to coordinate SLAQ completion.
- Talk to the site about the value and purpose of the SLAQ and how to complete it.
- Work with sites to ensure completion of the guestionnaire.
 - Complete the LHD questions on the "Site Information" page of the SLAQ (pg. 2).
 - Send a Word version of the SLAQ to the site by email or mail.
 - Collect the completed SLAQ and review for completion. Follow up as needed.
- □ Enter the completed SLAQ responses into Survey123.
- ☐ Follow up with sites
 - Share the site's final responses and scores
 - Discuss action planning

LHDs should complete a LAC annually for each school with a completed SLAQ, by the end of the school year:

Checklist for Completing a LHD Activity Checklist (LAC)

Use this checklist to track your progress towards <u>LAC</u> completion. Detailed, step-by-step instructions can be found below.

- Check off boxes for policies or practices your LHD's CalFresh Healthy Living program was involved in adopting or improving.
- ☐ Submit the LAC via Survey123.







Learn SLAQ Changes

FFY 2023 Updates and revisions







Content Changes to Learn SLAQs







COVID question now includes other emergencies

4.8 Have any of the policies or practices in Section 4 been impacted by COVID-19 or another emergency? Mark all that apply. No
□ Yes, impacted by COVID-19. <i>Please describe</i> :
□ Yes, impacted by a wildfire. <i>Please describe:</i>
□ Yes, impacted by another emergency. <i>Please describe</i> :



School meals questions

Removed!

1.8 School offers universal free breakfast.

○ Yes ○ No

1.9 School offers universal free lunch.

○ Yes Skip ○ No Go to to Q1.12 Q1.10

1.10 The school maximizes free/reduced price meal enrollment via community eligibility, paperless enrollment, or other best practices.

○ Yes
○ No

1.11 Is it possible for students to identify those who qualify for free or reduced lunch?
○ Students can be identified
○ Students cannot ever be identified by other students

New!

8.5 Easy-to-understand information about accessing the school meal program is distributed to all parents at least annually:

- O Yes
- O No







"Smart Snacks" language change

3.1	LFood and beverage advertising is limited to foods that meet the state and federal competitive
foo	od requirements.
0	N/A: students are not on campus because of COVID-19

- O Yes
- O No
- O Don't Know

3.2 Items sold as part of fundraisers include:

O N/A: no food and beverage advertising on campus

- Only items that meet the state and federal competitive food criteria (or include non-food items)
- O Some items that meet the state and federal competitive food criteria and some that do not
- Only items that DO NOT meet the state and federal competitive food criteria

3.3 All foods and beverages at school events and celebrations meet state and federal competitive food standards.

- O N/A: no school events or celebrations because of COVID-19
- O N/A: no foods or beverages at school events and celebrations
- O Yes
- O No







Updated beverage checklist

3.7 Beverages sold to students on campus, not as part of meals, during the school day include:

- Mark all that apply.
- □ N/A: students are not on campus during the school day because of COVID-19
- □ N/A: no foods or beverages sold during the school day
- □ Plain, unflavored water (carbonated or uncarbonated)
- ☐ Flavored water, no added sweeteners or caffeine (carbonated or uncarbonated)
- □ Unflavored low-fat (1%) or non-fat milk
- □ Unflavored whole or reduced fat (2%) milk
- ☐ Flavored non-fat milk
- ☐ Flavored whole, low-fat, or reduced fat milk
- □ 100% fruit or vegetable juices (full strength or diluted with water to include at least 50% juice)
- □ Calorie-free beverages with caffeine (e.g. unsweetened coffee, tea, or flavored waters with caffeine; excluding diet beverages and plain water)
- □ Low or no calorie electrolyte replacement beverages (< 5 calories per ounce such as low-calorie sports drinks)
- □ Regular, non-diet soda
- □ Diet drinks (including diet soda, light tea, artificially sweetened juice)
- □ Other pre-sweetened drinks (including Capri Sun, fruit punch, lemonade, aguas frescas, sweet tea)
- □ Other (specify):

NEW

REVISED







New! Water bottle filling station question

3.12 Students have access to water bottle fillers.

Do not count traditional drinking fountains, unless they have a water bottle filler feature.

- O N/A: students are not on campus because of COVID-19
- O No
- O Yes, students can access one water bottle filler
- Yes, students can access two or more water bottle fillers





What isn't changing?

- Most COVID-related content
 - N/A options
 - Distance/hybrid learning options
- Reporting current practices vs. Planned
 - Even if they are not the usual ones







Survey123 updates

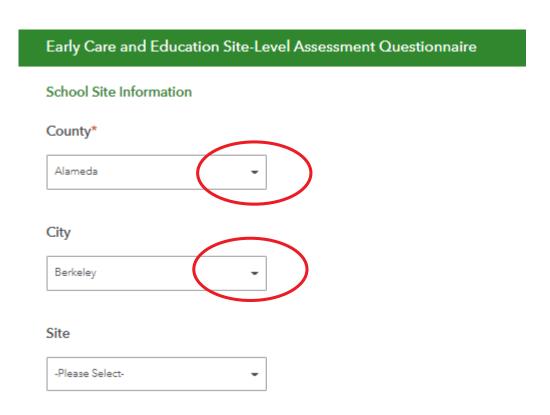








New autocomplete feature



Select your site's county and city by using the dropdown.

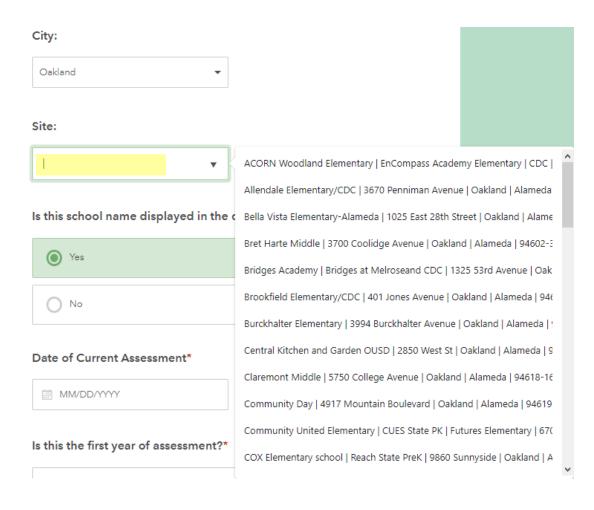








Four ways to search for a site



Use the dropdown or search for your site by typing in:

- Site name
- Site Zip code
- Site address
- Site ID



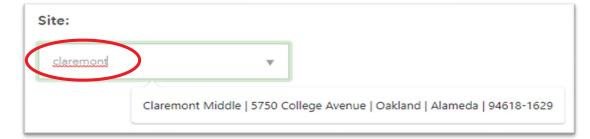




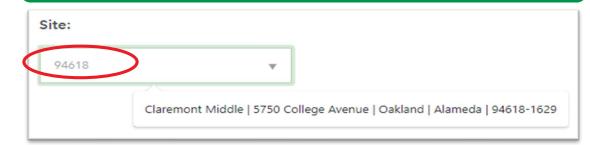


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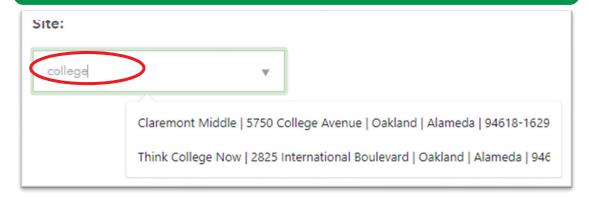
1. Search by name



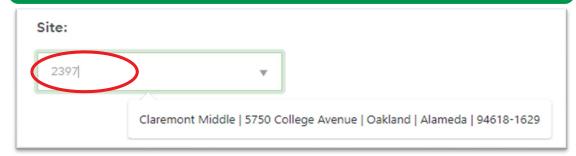
2. Search by Zip code



3. Search by address



4. Search by PEARS Site ID





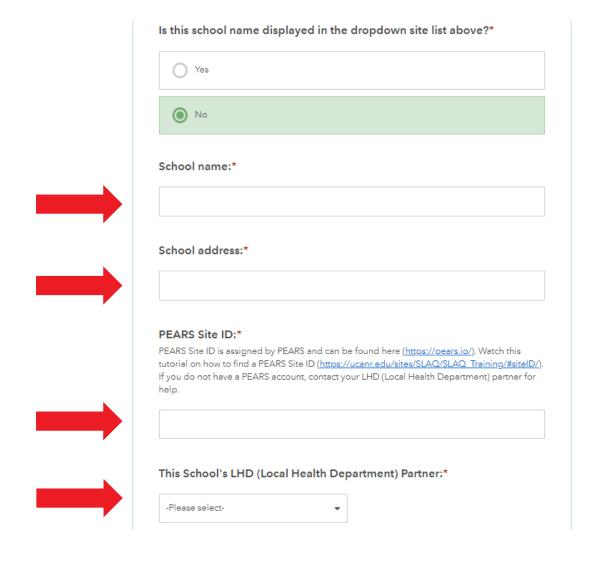




What if you don't find your site in the dropdown list?

Fill in:

- Site name
- Site address
- PEARS site ID
- LHD





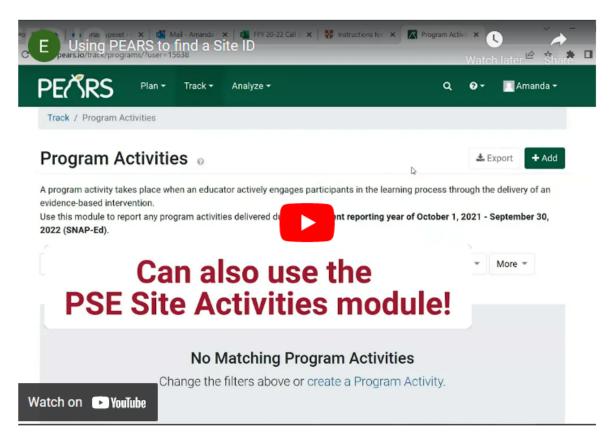




We released a short, 2-minute video tutorial on how to use PEARS to find a site's PEARS Site ID!

https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/SLAQ_Training/

Using PEARS to find a site's PEARS Site ID



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Questions?









Added resources









We made a site-facing protocol!

- Share this protocol with your SLAQ partners to help them complete the SLAQ.
- Provides a simple checklist and links to tutorials.
- This is a different protocol from the LHD-facing protocols you have used previously.







Site-Level Assessment Questionnaire (SLAQ) Protocol for School, Early Care and Education, and Out-of-School Time Sites

Purpose: The SLAQs were designed to provide comprehensive annual site assessment data for the purposes of program planning and to describe change over time in the places where CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) work is occurring. The SLAQ is required to be completed annually for all sites engaging in site-level CFHL PSE work.

The questionnaire is needed to assess the current state of the nutrition and physical activity environment at your program and it will help to guide conversations about what improvements to prioritize for the year. You and your team should provide only the *current status* of the environment, regardless of anticipated changes or whether things differ from "usual practice" due to the pandemic or another situation. This helps to establish a baseline and gives your program partners greater insight on what to focus on to help the students and families reached by your program.

If you'd like additional information on how the SLAQs were developed, and how they can be used, take a look at the SLAQ one-pager.





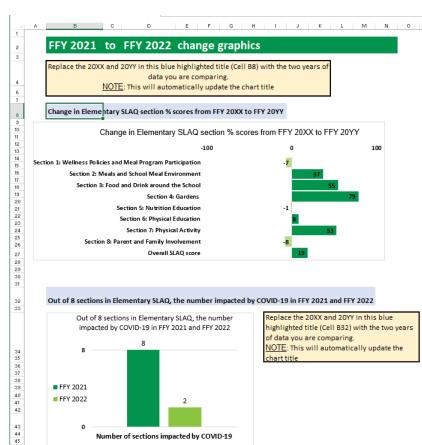




New Resource! Site-level change over time summary templates

- Compare SLAQ data between fiscal years
- Starts with FFY 2021 data
- Templates available for all settings
- A demonstration video on how to use this template will be released in the coming months.

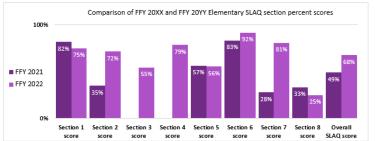
Create data visualizations of SLAQ change data to share with your partners



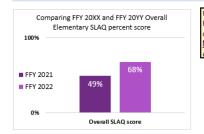
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NOTE: This will automatically update the chart title

Comparison of FFY 20XX and FFY 20YY Elementary SLAQ section percent scores



Comparing FFY 20XX and FFY 20YY Overall Elementary SLAQ percent score



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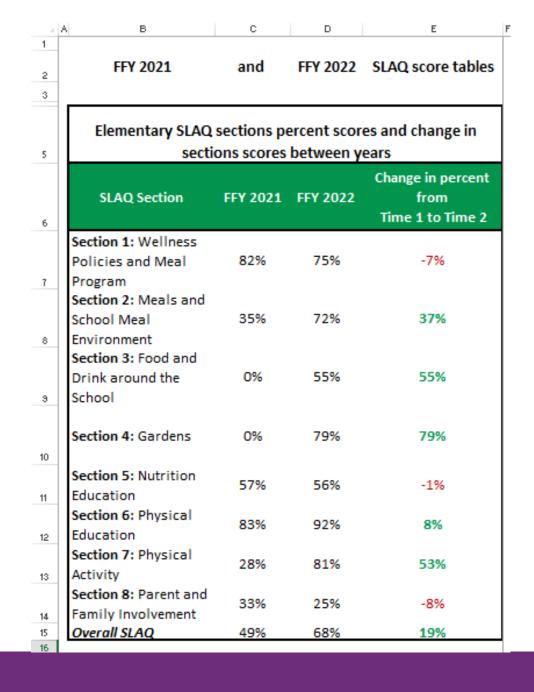








Generate tables to easily **compare** between years of data











Look at Covid Impact between years

Impact of COVID-19 on Elementary SLAQ activities					
SLAQ Sections	FFY 2021	FFY 2022	Percent Change in number of sections impacted due to COVID-19		
Total number of Sections (n) impacted by COVID-19	8	2	-75%		

Elementary SLAQ sections impacted by COVID-19 between years

SLAQ Sections	FFY 2021	FFY 2022
Section 1: Wellness		
Policies and Meal	✓	✓
Program Participation		
Section 2: Meals and		
School Meal	✓	✓
Environment		
Section 3: Food and		
Drink around the	✓	
School		
Section 4: Gardens	~	
Section 5: Nutrition	. 🌶	
Education	•	
Section 6: Physical		
Education	•	
Section 7: Physical		
Activity		
Section 8: Parent and		
Family Involvement		







Coming soon!

SLAQ Recognition Program School District Assessment









Announcing LEAP!

Site recognition awards coming in FFY23

Leaders in Eating and Activity Practices







What is LEAP?

- A 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



2. Accomplishments for best practices in four specific areas





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)

Two components for assessing school district policies and practices

Both required starting FFY 24

School District Assessment

1. WellSAT

- Measures district-level policy
- 2. School District Organization Assessment Questionnaire (OAQ)
 - "SLAQ" for school districts
 - Brief questionnaire about district-level practices
 - WellSAT scores reported on OAQ
 - Pilot testing in Spring 2023





Thank you!



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