

Prevention Research Center on Nutrition and Physical Activity



WATER ACCESS SCAN TOOL

Assess the availability of water fountains, water coolers, hydration stations and other sources of free water

General Information:

Unique School ID #:

School District:

School Name:

Building ID# (if school contains multiple buildings):

Date and Time:

Name of Auditor:

Is lunch in session during walk-through?

Is school in session during walk-through?

Number of Floors:

Number of cafeterias:

Number of outdoor play areas:



INSTRUCTIONS FOR WATER ACCESS SCAN: This section of the tool will assess the availability of water fountains, water coolers, hydration stations and other sources of free water. In order to capture all water sources, walk down each hallway of the school and visit the cafeteria and gymnasium. For each source, record as a new numbered source in the data collection table on the next page

- <u>Location in building</u>: Describe the floor number you found the water access point, the nearest room number, and any other notes to identify precisely the location in the building, i.e. so that another visitor to the school would be able to find the access point based on your information.
- <u>Setting</u>: check whether the water access point is found in a cafeteria, outside the cafeteria, gym, hallway, outdoor play area, outdoor sport area, outdoor other area, teacher break/work room, outside a bathroom, or a classroom (and room # if applicable).
- <u>Water Source Type</u>: Describe the type of water source: no water source, a water fountain, water cooler, large insulated container, water station, un-insulated pitcher or jug, individual bottled water, water filter, or other (describe). See appendix for pictures of different types of water sources.
- <u>Water Availability Status</u>: Check "yes" if water is available at this source (i.e. water comes out of the dispenser and is drinkable), "no" if no water is available. If you check "no," describe why not (i.e. a jug is empty, dispenser is broken, water is turned off).
- <u>Time to fill 9 oz cup</u>: Use a stopwatch to measure how long it takes to fill a 9 oz cup for each dispenser.
- <u>Temperature</u>: Use digital thermometer to measure temperature in degrees Fahrenheit (using the sample you poured to measure time to fill 9 oz cup).
- Appearance: Check whether the water source appears clean or dirty. Describe the appearance if dirty (i.e. rust, debris, mold, gum, trash).
- Notes: put any other general notes about the water source here.
- Photo: A photo should be taken of each water source. Label each photo by including a post-it note the lists the name of the school, the date and the number (from the data collection form) of the access point

Number of water sources per school could range from about 6-30 sources, with about 3-4 minutes per source. Total time per school: 20 minutes – 2 hours.

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	bathroom	J) Other	Ī						
	classroom (room #:)								
Floor number:	cafeteria (#)	A) Pipes, but no fixture	Yes			Clean	Yes		Yes
	outside, but near cafeteria	B) Water fountain	No			Dirty	No		No
	gym	C) Water cooler	<u> </u>			Notes on			
Nearest room	hallway	D) Large insulated container	If No, Why? (ie:			appearance:			
number:	outdoor play area	E) Water station	empty, broken)						
	outdoor sport area	F) Un-insulated pitcher or jug	Ī						
	outdoor, other area	G) Individual bottled water	Ī						
	teacher break/work room	H) Water Filter	T						
	adjacent to bathroom	I) Sink (type:)	T						
	bathroom	J) Other	T						
	classroom (room #:)		<u> </u>						

LOCATION IN BUILDING	Setting	Water Source Type	Is water available at this source?	Time to fill 9 oz cup	Temperature of water (F)	Appearance of Water Source (note debris, rust, gum, mold etc)	Was a photo taken?	NOTES (e.g. note if cups are available and size of cup)	Was this water source tagged for sampling?
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	outside, but near cafeteria	B) Water fountain	No			Dirty	No		No
	gym	C) Water cooler				Notes on			
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