Food Services





School District of Lancaster





WHO ARE WE?

Food Services Department

The school District of Lancaster food service

- Is a self funded department participating in the NSL (CEP) program.
- The NSLP program is a program that offers breakfast and lunch to all students. Participation by the students is not <u>mandatory.</u>
- Satellites USDA approved reimbursable school lunches, breakfasts and snacks at no cost to all district elementary and middle schools.
- Prepares reimbursable breakfast and lunches at the high schools at no cost to the students. Offers A'LA carte items
- Provides catered meals and snacks to district parent and staff meetings during and after school. Catering menu available on the intranet.
- Offers separate bagged lunches for field trips and field days.
- Provides contracted Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks to La Acadamia and the Lancaster Rec Center.

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- Partners with the Lancaster Rec to provide no cost meals to all District students during the summer months.
- Serve approx. 9,000 lunches and 4,500 breakfasts daily.
- 17-18 SY served 1,530,000 lunches and 635,000 breakfast all at no cost to the students.
- The Food Service Department has 5 leadership and 61 staff members

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What is a reimbursable school lunch?

The USDA requires all schools that are participating in the NSLP to abide by the following guidelines to qualify as a reimbursable meal

- Offer 5 food groups daily of which the student chooses a minimum of three, one
 of the three <u>must</u> be from the fruit or vegetable group.
- The whole meal must also fall with in the USDA nutrition guidelines.
- The nutritional guidelines are based on grade level groups K-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

What are the USDA guidelines?

Grades K-5

USDA approved lunches must meet the following guidelines:

Grades 6-8

Grade 9-12

Protein	1oz/day 8-10 wk	1oz/day 9-10 wk	2oz/day 10-12 wk
Fruits	½ cup/day	½ Cup/day	1 cup/ day
Vegetables	3/4 cup/day	³ / ₄ cup/day	1 cup/day
Bread	1oz/day 8-9 wk	1oz/day 8-10 wk	2oz/day 10-12 wk
Milk	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only
Calories	550-650	600-700	750-850

Weekly requirement for dark green, red orange, legumes and starchy vegetables. All grades Offer both fruit and vegetable amounts student must take ½ cup of one or the other for reimbursable meal.

USDA approved breakfasts must meet the following guidelines:

Grades K-5

Grades 6-8

Grade 9-12

Protein	0	0	0
Fruits	1 cup/day	1 Cup/day	1 cup/day
Bread/grains	1oz/day 7-10 wk	1oz/day 8-10 wk	1oz/day 9-10 wk
Milk	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only	8oz 1% or lower Flavored skim only
Calories	350-500	400-550	450-600

All of the weekly bread/grain servings must be whole wheat. The grade ranges are new as are the calorie ranges. Proteins can only be substituted after the daily bread/grain minimum is met.

- Daily requirement
 - 0 Trans fat
- Weekly average requirements
 - Calories
 - Sodium
 - Saturated fat

Avg. weekly calorie ranges

Minimum and maximum established over course of week

GRADES	BREAKFAST (kcal)	LUNCH (kcal)
K-5	350-500	550-650
6-8	400-550	600-700
9-12	450-600	750-850



Avg. weekly sodium requirement

- Intermediate targets
 - SY 2014-2015
 - K-5 ≤ 1230mg
 - 6-8 < 1360mg
 - 9-12 < 1420mg

Weekly saturated fat requirement

- Limit saturated fat
 - Less than 10 percent of total calories
- Same as current regulatory standard
 - No total fat standard

HOW DOES IT WORK?

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- The food service budget is funded primarily through state and federal reimbursements based on meals served and the districts eligibility percentages.
- CEP (Community Eligibility Program) is a program established by the USDA NSL that uses reimbursement percentages that are based on the district's Directly Certified Students and requires that all students be served meals at no cost to them.
- a. The percentages were established 1 year ago using the District's Direct Certification (67%) and a 1.6 multiplier and will remain the same for four years.
 They are: 100% free
- b. Based on the above, food service's reimbursement was about \$3.37 for every lunch and \$1.95 for every breakfast served regardless of the age group.
- The \$3.37 and \$1.95 must cover all food costs, labor, transportation, utilities, and equipment repair and or replacement within the Food Service Department.
- We do not receive "free" government food. All food items are purchased the same as any other school district in the state of Pennsylvania and we are invoiced accordingly.
- A small percentage of income is generated through catering and a'la carte sales

School District of Lancaster Food Services Division

What is a Satellite Meal?

- JP McCaskey and McCaskey East are the only 2 schools within the School District of Lancaster that have full working kitchens, for this reason the remaining schools use pre-packaged food items.
- The meals items are received at JP and then distributed as breakfast or lunches to each school every morning.
- Each school has their own walk in refrigerator, ovens, hot holding and cold units. The meals are heated 30-40 minutes before serving at each school.
- Through partnerships with local vendors a weekly assortment of <u>FRESH</u> fruits and vegetables are served daily at lunch time.