

Food Services Division

Making a difference...every student, every school, every day!



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Director

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Every day over 4,000 Food Service Division employees serve over 740,000 meals per day.

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The Food Services Division of the Office of Educational Services provides nutritious meals to students at low or no cost, so that they can focus and be productive in the classroom. The Los Angeles Unified School District's Food Services Division operates the largest School Breakfast Program (SBP) and second largest National School Lunch Program (NSLP) in the United States, servicing more than 695 cafes, 89 Early Ed. Centers, and 100+ off-site programs each day.

Nourishing Children to Achieve Excellence is the Food Services Division's core mission. Our Division complies with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Education (CDE), and implements resolutions of the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education, including the "Good Food Procurement Resolution" and the "Improving Food and Nutrition Policy."

In 2012, the Board passed the "Improving Food and Nutrition Policy" which directed all efforts of the meal program toward healthier meal options, made a commitment to nutrition education for families, and established a national stance on upholding standards that meet or exceed those outlined in the 2010 Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Through our core programs, Breakfast in the Classroom, National School Lunch Program, After School Supper and Snack, we offer healthy meals to our students. Our District's vast geographical area encompasses a diverse student population that includes 79% qualifying for free or reduced price meals. Many of our students depend on Café LA meals as their main source of nourishment.

Achievements

- Record year for the Division, serving over 138 million meals in FY 15-16:
345,000 breakfasts per day
320,000 lunches per day
74,200 supper and snack meals per day
30,000 summer meals per day
- Implemented Breakfast in the Classroom at 637 schools in over 23,000 classrooms.
- Supports the Los Angeles City Council "Meatless Mondays" Resolution, adopted in October 2012, by offering a meatless meal item on Mondays and providing a daily vegetarian option.
- Adopted and implemented the "Good Food Procurement Resolution," which guides the procurement process and supports a regional food system that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible.
- Member of the Urban School Food Alliance.
- Member of the Whole Grain Council.
- Most awarded Bronze medal schools nationwide from the Healthier U.S. School Challenge.
- Participants in the California Thursdays initiative that commits to serving California-grown products on the menu.

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Nourishing the Whole Student

We were the first in the nation to initiate a large-scale multi-year public awareness and marketing campaign entitled, "I'M IN". The campaign is designed to raise awareness about student and community wellness, and assist in the fight against childhood obesity.

The Food Services Division Strives to:

- Support the District's goals of 100% graduation, proficiency for all, 100% attendance, parent and community engagement and school safety by tying its goals, programs, projects and processes to these initiatives.
- Serve "Healthy, Affordable, Fair and Sustainable" food.
- Make paying for meals easier for parents through My Payments Plus, an online pre-payment and meal account management tool.
- Reduce waste by working with District partners to make a positive impact in managing food waste. Beginning this year, the first policy allowing students to consume food outside the meal service period and take non-perishable items with them will be implemented (info see USDA SP41-2014).
- Embrace employee and student safety by educating staff on the importance of working safely, tracking incidents/injuries and recognizing cafes where staff meet and exceed safety goals; and ensuring that every location is inspected by the County Health Department twice each year.
- Provide a welcoming and safe environment for students when visiting our cafes.
- Gather student input of new menu items by conducting taste testing throughout the District. New items must have an overall 70% approval rating to be placed on the menu.
- Engage student menu ideas through their participation in local and national "Cooking Up Change" competitions where winners' recipes are placed on the Cafe LA Menu.

The Office of Educational Services (OES) consists of six Divisions: Beyond the Bell, Food Services, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, Procurement Services, Student Health and Human Services, and Transportation Services.

Our Mission

To serve the academic, social-emotional, and physical needs of every student, so that teachers can teach and students can learn.

Our Vision

To be the leader in delivering a safe, healthy, and nurturing learning environment where all students graduate ready for success.

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