



Alexandria City Public Schools

School Nutrition Services: Program Overview Update

School Board Meeting
OCTOBER 19, 2023





Essential Questions

What is the mission and vision of SNS?

What are our Meal Programs and Serving Models?

What differentiates CEP from Non-CEP?

What are SNS initiatives and community affiliations?





Mission and Vision of SNS

Vision:

The Department of Facilities and Operations, Office of School Nutrition Services is committed to providing equitable access to quality meals that are nutritious, freshly prepared, and culturally-inclusive.

Mission

Eliminate barriers to accessibility of nutritious meals, engage all students in opportunities for nutrition education, and meet the daily nutrition needs of students to optimize growth and academic performance.





Meal Program Demographics

Provide Nutrition Support for 18 Schools and Associated Programs

Provide Meal Service to over 15,800 Students

SY22/23 Meals Served (Breakfast and Lunch)

- Daily: 13,000
- Weekly: 65,000
- Monthly: 260,000
- Annual: 2,600,000

Support 10 Recreation, Park, and Cultural Activities Afterschool Programming

Divisional Average Participation SY22/23:
Breakfast: 29% |
Lunch: 65%

Snack and Dinner SY22/23: Over 100,000



Meal Programs and Serving Models

Meal Programs	Serving Models
School Breakfast Program [SBP]	Family Style [Early Childhood Center]
National School Lunch Program [NSLP]	Breakfast In the Classroom
Child and Adult Care Food Program [CACFP] *Snack and Dinner*	Grab and Go
Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program [FFVP]	Second Chance After the Bell
A la Carte [not affiliated with federal programming]	Temporary Serving Swing Space [Construction and Modernization]
Fund Raising	Cafeteria Style
Summer Meal Programming	Distributed Dining
Second Meals	Share Tables [New Initiative]



Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Non-Community Eligibility Provision	Community Eligibility Provision
Alexandria City High School-King Street Campus	Cora Kelly Elementary
Charles Barrett Elementary	Early Childhood @ John Adams
Alexandria City High School- Chance for Change Campus	Ferdinand T. Day Elementary
Douglas MacArthur Elementary	Francis C. Hammond Middle
George Mason Elementary	James Polk Elementary
George Washington Middle	Jefferson Houston PreK - 8
Lyles Crouch Elementary	John Adams Elementary
Mount Vernon Elementary	Minnie Howard
Naomi Brooks Elementary	Patrick Henry Elementary
Alexandria City High School- Satellite Campus	Samuel Tucker Elementary
	William Ramsay Elementary



FARM and CEP

Federal Funding for Meal Programs

Free and Reduced Meal [FARM]

- Annual application for benefits

Community Eligibility Provision [CEP]

- Federal Assistance Program
- 40% threshold for school-wide benefit
- FARM application is not factored into percentage

As of April 2023 | 42% [Direct Certification] Fall and Spring data pull

CEP schools are not required to complete FARM application



Meal Program Offerings and Initiatives



Plant-Based
Tuesday Tastings



Nature's Café
[featured on WJLA]



Global Bites
[Cultural Inclusion]



Harvest of the
Month [Exposure]



Vegan | Vegetarian



Gluten Friendly



Affiliations, Partners, and Community Engagement





What's New!





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Questions?

Dr. Alicia Hart, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Eric Coleman, Director, School Nutrition Services



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Dr. Melanie Kay-Wyatt

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