



Department Update

SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025



About our Department

Mission

The Food & Nutrition Service Department's mission is to nurture our community's children through access to nutritious and balanced meals at school. These meals foster proper growth and development to prepare students for success.

Department Goals for 24-25 SY

- Upgrade equipment to enhance the quality of the foods served
- Student engagement outside of the cafeteria



Equipment Upgrades

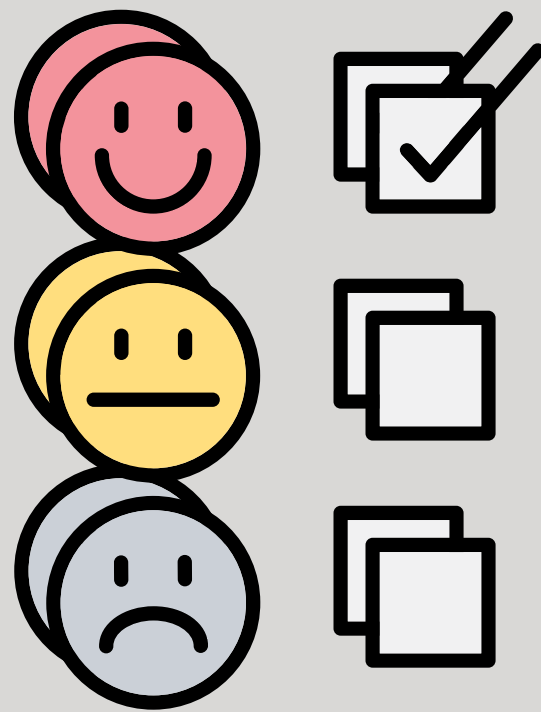
- Combi Ovens (South & Thomas)
- Hot Holding Units
- Vans w/ Lifts for Transport



Student Engagement

A critical piece to menu development is student voice! We use several methods to determine menu items:

- Student survey data
- Classroom taste testing
- Purchase data



Student Engagement



Meals by the Numbers:

Our staff produced & served:

2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

394,000 meals

ON AVERAGE 2,250 MEALS SERVED DAILY



13% from last school year
27% from 22-23 SY

86%

OF ENROLLED STUDENTS ATE SCHOOL LUNCH THIS YEAR



Food & Nutrition Team

Our team is made up of 36 staff members across the nine schools, with over 50% from the Arlington Heights Community.

