



Nutrition Services SY23-24 Bellevue School District

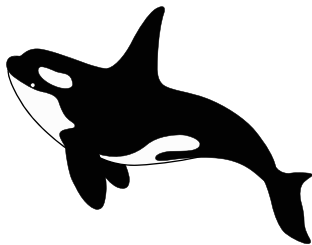
SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES

PLASTICS REDUCTION & STYROFOAM ELIMINATION

Replaced Styrofoam meal trays with durable trays in All Elementary & Middle Schools and with compostable trays in High Schools, Big Picture & International!

Replaced plastic spork kits with metal utensils in All Elementary schools!

Replaced wrapped, plastic utensils with compostable in All Secondary Schools!



*Switching to metal and compostable utensils has reduced our plastic waste by about **6 tons** each year! That is the same weight as one orca whale.*

Eliminated plastic bottles sold in Snack Bars



FARM 2 SCHOOL



We are working to purchase more food from local growers and producers - like tortillas, raspberries & blueberries. This reduces the carbon footprint to get food to students' plates - and supports our local economy!



Over **135,000 lbs** of fresh, Washington grown produce served! That's an amazing amount of produce that traveled fewer miles to students' plates!



OFFER VS. SERVE TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

We offer students a selection of food groups and multiple menu choices for every meal. Students are able to choose a **minimum of 3** items. Students are encouraged to choose healthy, nutritious meals that they **intend to eat**, so less food is thrown away.

MEATLESS ENTRÉE CHOICES TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS



ELEMENTARY: **At least** 3 times per week the rotating main entrée offers a meatless choice

- **2 additional** meatless entrée choices available *everyday*

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS: **At least** 5 meatless entrée choices available *everyday*!