

Henry County Public Schools

2024-2025

School Nutrition Report Card

The Henry County Public School district and its food service employees are dedicated to providing nutritious and well – balanced meals to all students and faculty. We currently operate SBP, NSLP, SFSP and After-school Snack meal programs and provide meals to approximately 2,014; Preschool – 12th grade students across the district.

Our foodservice staff currently consists of 24 full-time certified cook/bakers, an Assistant Food Service Director, and a Food Service Director

The Henry County Public School District participates in the following federal food service programs:

Community Eligibility Program (CEP) – FREE Meals for ALL

Children

and includes:

National School Lunch Program

National School Breakfast Program

Summer Food Service Program

After School Snack- New Castle Elementary

Community Eligibility Program (CEP)

The Community Eligibility Program provides a free breakfast and lunch to all children in our district; regardless of parent/guardian income. Every reimbursable meal that we serve is reimbursed at the free rate. The reimbursement rates are currently \$2.84 for breakfast, \$4.43 for lunch, and \$1.21 for a snack. A la carte items can be purchased outside the reimbursable meal as well as adult meals. Adult meal prices have been increased and are \$3.25 for breakfast and \$5.00 for lunch.

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program was established in 1946 as a “measure of national security to safeguard the health and well – being of the Nation’s children.” School districts receive federal reimbursement funds for each school lunch served that meets USDA guidelines. Our meals are planned on a three week menu cycle. Federal regulations require that we offer minimum portion sizes of meat, grains/breads, fruit and/or vegetable, and fluid milk during every lunch meal service. The portion sizes and calorie ranges are designed to meet the needs of the children and increase as the child gets older. The menu cycle allows for variety and encompasses foods that the children really like. We offer a variety of milks and free potable water. Our district menus are certified to reflect new changes and target nutritional goals as established by the USDA. Calorie ranges and requirements increase with the grade levels. Portion sizes for some menu items – in particular; at the high school may be more. All regulations are being met by the district and calorie averages are based on weighted values of how many students will choose what menu items and meal participation. 80% of the grains served must be whole grain rich, a variety of fresh and canned fruits are offered along with 100% fruit juice, all vegetable subgroups are being met, and a variety of 1% flavored and unflavored milk are being served. Below is chart that provides meal counts and reimbursement amounts for SY 23-24.

# of Meals Served	244,116
Federal Reimbursement	\$945,349.70

National School Breakfast Program

The National School Breakfast Program was established in 1966. School districts receive federal reimbursement funds for each breakfast served that meets USDA guidelines. Previous studies have shown that children who participate in the School Breakfast Program have significantly higher test scores than non – participants. Our breakfast meals are also planned on a three week menu cycle. Calorie ranges and requirements increase with the grade levels. All regulations are being met by the district and calorie averages are based on weighted values of how many students will choose what menu items and meal participation. 80% of the grains served were whole grain rich, a variety of fresh fruits and orange juice are offered, and a variety of 1% flavored and unflavored milk are being served. Below is chart that provides meal counts and reimbursement amounts for SY 23-24.

# of Meals Served	186,783
Federal Reimbursement	\$456,450.39

Summer Food Service Program

The Summer Feeding Program was created to ensure that children in low – income areas could continue to receive nutritious meals during their summer vacations. All children 18 years or younger can receive these meals. During summer of 2024 we were able to participate in the non-congregate meal service. This allowed us to reach more children throughout the summer. The table below provides a synopsis of our summer feeding program, ran with a tremendous help from many people in our district.

# of Meals Served	90,291
Federal Reimbursement	\$365,778.85

After School Snack

The afterschool snack component of the National School Lunch Program is a federally assisted snack service that fills the afternoon hunger gap for school children. The snack service is administered at the Federal level by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. At the state level, it is administered by state agencies, which operate the snack service through agreements with local school food authorities (SFAs). SFAs are ultimately responsible for the administration of the snack service. Below is chart that provides meal counts and reimbursement amounts for SY 23-24.

# of Meals Served	8,479
Federal Reimbursement	\$9,920.43

A la carte Items

A la carte items are priced for purchase to students, when possible at schools during breakfast and lunch. Any items that can be counted as a meal component of a reimbursable meal can be sold as a la carte under the federal breakfast and lunch program. This would include any extra item that is on our breakfast or lunch menu. We also sell water, 100% fruit/vegetable juices, and other items that are “Smart Snack” compliant.

After School Functions

Smart Snack guidelines. Once the school day ends – no nutritional guidelines must be followed. Regular soda’s, candy, cakes, and etc. can be sold at after-school functions and at concession stands, etc.

Assessment Tools

The school district and individual schools complete the assessment tool on the Alliance for a Healthier Generation website at <https://schools.healthiergeneration.org/> to complete their annual assessment on nutrition and physical activity for their locations. The results are used to make improvements to their wellness policies, district, and schools.

Summary & General Recommendations **For Improving the Nutrition & Physical Activity Environment**

- All students continue to eat free of charge.
- Our breakfast & lunch menus meet federal and state requirements and nutritional guidelines of the program. The meals are healthier with less fat, saturated fat, calories, sodium, sugar, and etc. A variety of milk and fruits and vegetables are being offered daily.
- Principals and staff are becoming more aware of items that can be sold during the school day and of the competitive food guidelines. Healthy drinks and snacks are being sold to the students as a result. Staff are also becoming more aware of foods that can be brought into the schools for parties or snacks. We are seeing an increase in allergies throughout all schools so limiting food that are brought in eliminate the risk of an allergic reaction.
- Physical activity is being promoted in all our schools – whether it's in the classroom, PE gym, or on the playgrounds during recess. Our elementary schools have PE included in their daily schedules, ensuring that our P-6 students receive 150 minutes of physical activity each week.
- We are continuing to offer summer meals to children 18 years old and younger in our community. Serving non-congregate meals helps us reach more children.
- The district Wellness Policy is updated annually by the district Wellness committee as well. General recommendations are made to help improve the wellness environment in the district.

If you have any questions/concerns regarding this report; please contact the following:

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