

PILLAR #10- STUDENT NUTRITION & FOOD SERVICES

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The Sandusky City Schools (SCS) was again approved in August for participation in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) through the USDA. Through this program, every student enrolled in SCS is eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at no charge through the 2021-2022 school year. Students are able to participate in these meal programs without having to submit an application.

The Student Nutrition & Food Services department has implemented two new programs: 1) the Summer Feeding Program at Sandusky High School which provides a free breakfast or free lunch to students participating in summer camps or other activities at SHS, and 2) the After School Supper Program which is linked with the Athletics Study Tables, giving students an opportunity to eat a free, hot, nutritious meal while studying or working on their homework. Ontario Elementary is participating in this program this year as well, with a link to the Sandusky City Schools Jr. Arts Academy. Students are able to eat a free, hot, balanced meal prior to participating in the Arts Academy classes.

The department is currently working with The City of Sandusky Parks & Recreation Department on the Midtown Supper Club program for students in our district. The club is designed to educate students in healthy food preparation and the importance of work ethic, leadership and team building in the workplace.

The department continues to work with our elementary schools to offer breakfast incentive rewards for students and the director consistently strives to incorporate creative ways to use food as a learning tool, such as attaching letters of the alphabet to corresponding menu items for our kindergarten students.

Staff lunch sales have increased 8% over last quarter; student breakfast counts are up 1% and lunch counts have increased by 2.9% district-wide so far this year.

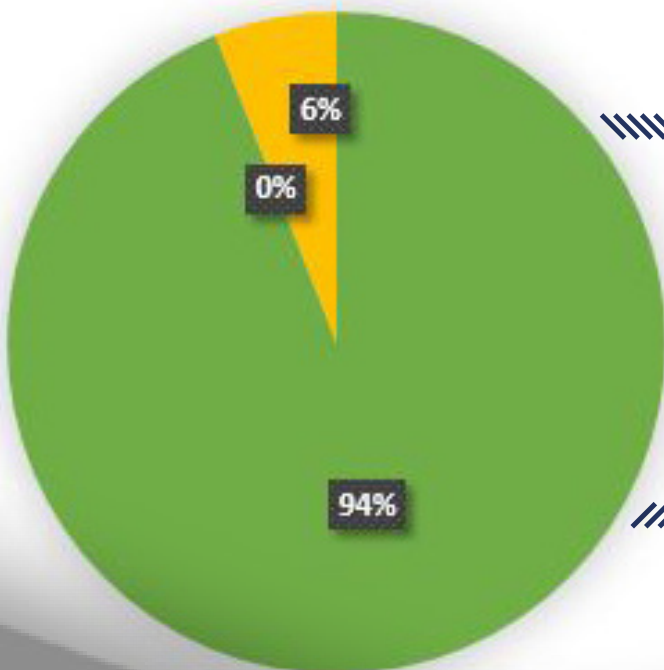
The department has purchased two new steamers and two steam kettles for the High School and one new oven and one new steam kettle for Venice Elementary. The steamers are high efficiency forced air units which produce more steam for cooking, lowering operating costs. The previous boiler steamer and kettles were non-operational. The new kettles utilize a high-performance gas-fired heating system for quick heat-up and recovery time and are equipped with splash-proof shields to provide protection against burns and accidents. The new oven has been awarded an Energy Star Rating and replaces one that was past its useful service life.

A \$15,000 prototype Table Top Steamer was donated to the Regional Center for Advanced Academic Studies by Cleveland Range of Cleveland, Ohio. The steamer operates by recycling steam and water, eliminating the need for gas or water lines. Any repairs that may need to be made will be paid by Cleveland Range and the unit can later be moved to any building.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- Granted approval for district-wide free breakfast and lunch through the USDA CEP Program for four more years
- Two new programs: the Summer Feeding Program and the After School Supper Program
- Collaboration with City of Sandusky Parks & Recreation Department on the Midtown Supper Club program
- Continuing to utilize menu items as a learning tool
- Increase in staff lunch and student breakfast and lunch counts



GOAL STATUS:

16/17	Completed	94%
0/17	In Progress	0%
1/17	Not Started	6%