

DICKSON COUNTY SCHOOLS NUTRITION DEPARTMENT

STRATEGIC PLAN



VISION:

To be recognized as a school based professional business with a vital role in helping solve child hunger.

Our school district partnership can directly enhance the ultimate role of our schools in preparing our young people for the future.

MISSION:

In Dickson County, school meals are a healthy option, a great value and a huge convenience for busy families.

Our mission is to provide these meals to all students to help remove all obstacles and barriers for children to learn and to help them build a healthier lifestyle.

CORE PRINCIPLES:

- ◆ Serving consistent, high quality, safe and nutritious meals that meet or exceed USDA guidelines to help each child stay engaged throughout the school day.
- ◆ Creating a dining experience where exceptional customer service is the standard and no child goes hungry.
- ◆ Building child-centered relationships within our schools and engaging families in our community.



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School Nutrition Program
817 North Charlotte Street
Dickson, TN 37055
615-740-5801

Online Payment is now available at

www.lunchprepay.com

Please note the following:
As a Dickson County Resident you have access to the Premium features at no additional cost. So be sure to choose Premium when you register!

Free and Reduced Information

Apply Online!

www.lunchapplication.com

Please note the following:
You will need the Student ID number which can be found on the student report card.
Step by step instructions can be found at

www.dicksoncountyschools.org



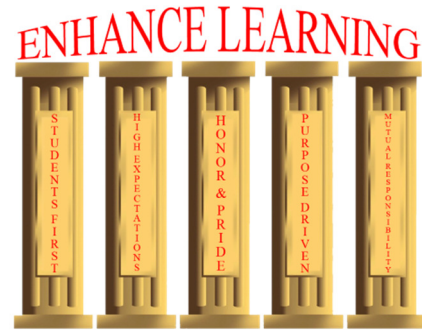
Dickson County Schools Nutrition Department—Strategic Pillars



Serving consistent, high quality, safe and nutritious meals that meet or exceed USDA guidelines to help each child stay engaged throughout the school day.

Strategies:

- ◆ Specify and procure the highest quality food items available in the school food service industry.
- ◆ Lead all employees through annual trainings, in-service, HACCP guidelines, and health inspections to drive safe food handling procedures.
- ◆ Embrace all a la carte guidelines regarding sugar, fat, calories, portion size, etc.
- ◆ Integrate excellence in overall nutrition consumption as a core element in classroom learning and beyond.



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Strategies:

- ◆ Knowing you cannot teach a hungry child, department leadership recognizes the importance of partnerships between school nutrition and site-based educators.
- ◆ Produce, present, and market our menus in a way that meets or exceeds our customers' expectations.
- ◆ Continually reinforce the value of our customers, their time, and the privilege to serve them.
- ◆ Commit to providing school nutrition programs such as the Summer Feeding Program and After School Snack Program.



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Strategies:

- ◆ Expand communication to improve program perception and participation.
- ◆ Nurture relationships with local farmers to implement locally grown items to the menu.
- ◆ Create and utilize marketing tools to celebrate National School Lunch Week, School Breakfast Week, Holiday Meals, Special Occasion Meals, etc.
- ◆ Emphasize an organizational philosophy that embodies decision making based on what is best for children.

