**2024-2025**

**School Nutrition Report Card For Perry County Schools**

**The Perry County School district and its food service employees are dedicated to providing nutritious and well – balanced meals to all students and faculty. We currently provide meals to approximately 3,200; Preschool – 12th grade students across the district.**

**The Perry County School District currently participates in the following federal food service programs:**

**Community Eligibility Program (CEP) – FREE Meals for ALL Children**

**National School Lunch Program**

**National School Breakfast Program**

**Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (Grants for Elementary only)**

**Child and Adult Care Food Program**

**Summer Feeding Program (SUN)**

**Community Eligibility Program (CEP)**

**The Community Eligibility Program began at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. This program provides a free breakfast and lunch to all children in our district; regardless of parent/guardian income. The reimbursement rates are currently $2.84 for breakfast, $4.45 for lunch. A la carte items can be purchased outside the reimbursable meal as well as adult meals. Adult meal prices have been increased to $3.00 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. The table below provides a synopsis of our 2023-2024 lunch program. 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 flavored milk 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. 50% 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 flavored 1% milk is being served.**

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| **Federal Reimbursement** | **$1,548,476.66** |
| **# of Schools Participating** | **7** |
| **Total Reimbursable** **Lunches Served** | **362,641** |

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| **Amount of Food**[**1**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote1)**per Week (minimum per day)** |
| **Meal Components** | **Grades K-5** | **Grades 6-8** | **Grades 9-12** |
| **Fruits (cups)**[**2**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote2) | **2 1⁄2 ( 1⁄2 )** | **2 1⁄2 ( 1⁄2 )** | **5 (1)** |
| **Vegetables (cups)**[**2**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote2) | **3 3⁄4 ( 3⁄4 )** | **3 3⁄4 ( 3⁄4 )** | **5 (1)** |
| * **Dark green subgroup**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote3)
 | **1/2** | **1/2** | **1/2** |
| * **Red/orange subgroup**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote3)
 | **3/4** | **3/4** | **1 1⁄4** |
| * **Beans, peas, and lentils subgroup**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote3)
 | **1/2** | **1/2** | **1/2** |
| * **Starchy subgroup**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote3)
 | **1/2** | **1/2** | **1/2** |
| * **Other vegetables subgroup**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote3)**,**[**4**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote4)
 | **1/2** | **1/2** | **3/4** |
| * **Additional vegetables from any subgroup to reach total**
 | **1** | **1** | **1 1⁄2** |
| **Grains (oz. eq.)**[**5**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote5) | **8–9 (1)** | **8–10 (1)** | **10–12 (2)** |
| **Meats/meat alternates (oz. eq.)**[**6**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote6) | **8–10 (1)** | **9–10 (1)** | **10–12 (2)** |
| **Fluid milk (cups)**[**7**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote7) | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** |

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| **Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week**[**8**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/nslp-meal-pattern#endnote8) |
| **Dietary Specifications** | **Grades K-5** | **Grades 6-8** | **Grades 9-12** |
| **Minimum-maximum calories (kcal)** | **550–650** | **600–700** | **750–850** |
| **Saturated fat (% of total calories)** | **< 10** | **< 10** | **< 10** |
| **Added sugars (% of total calories) - must be implemented by July 1, 2027** | **< 10** | **< 10** | **< 10** |
| **Sodium limit - in place through June 30, 2027** | **< 1,110 mg** | **< 1,225 mg** | **< 1,280 mg** |
| **Sodium limit - must be implemented by July 1, 2027** | **< 935 mg** | **< 1,035 mg** | **< 1,080 mg** |

**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. The table below provides a synopsis of our 2023-2024 breakfast program. 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. 50% of the grains served are whole grain rich, a variety of fresh fruits and orange juice are offered, and a variety of flavored non-fat and 1% milk is being served.**

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| **Federal Reimbursement** | **$709,365.93** |
| **# of Schools Participating** | **7** |
| **Total Reimbursable Breakfasts Served** | **259,841** |

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| **Amount of Food**[**1**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote1)**per Week (minimum per day)** |
| **Meal Components** | **Grades K-5** | **Grades 6-8** | **Grades 9-12** |
| **Fruits (cups)**[**2**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote2) | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** |
| **Vegetables (cups)**[**2**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote2) | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| * **Dark green subgroup**
 | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| * **Red/orange subgroup**
 | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| * **Beans, peas, and lentils subgroup**
 | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| * **Starchy subgroup**
 | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| * **Other vegetables subgroup**
 | **0** | **0** | **0** |
| **Grains or meats/meat alternates (oz. eq.)**[**3**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote3) | **7–10 (1)** | **8–10 (1)** | **9–10 (1)** |
| **Fluid milk (cups)**[**4**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote4) | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** | **5 (1)** |

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| **Daily Amount Based on the Average for a 5-Day Week**[**5**](https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/nutrition-standards/sbp-meal-pattern#endnote5) |
| **Dietary Specifications** | **Grades K-5** | **Grades 6-8** | **Grades 9-12** |
| **Minimum-maximum calories (kcal)** | **350–500** | **400–550** | **450–600** |
| **Saturated fat (% of total calories)** | **< 10** | **< 10** | **< 10** |
| **Added sugars (% of total calories) - must be implemented by July 1, 2027** | **< 10** | **< 10** | **< 10** |
| **Sodium limit - in place through June 30, 2027** | **< 540 mg** | **< 600 mg** | **< 640 mg** |
| **Sodium limit - must be implemented by July 1, 2027** | **< 485 mg** | **< 535 mg** | **< 570 mg** |

**Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program**

**During the current school year, six of six of our elementary schools were chosen to participate in the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program. Those schools being Buckhorn, West Perry Elementary, East Perry Elementary, Robinson, Viper, R.W. Combs Elementary. Grants were awarded to purchase healthy fruits/vegetables to be served as snacks. Every student at these schools receives a free, healthy, fresh, and nutritious daily snack at their schools.**

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| **Buckhorn** | **$7,588.62** |
| **West Perry Elementary** | **$32,532.08** |
| **East Perry Elementary** | **$25,801.31** |
| **Robinson Elementary** | **$10,162.15** |
| **R.W. Combs Elementary** | **$14,451.37** |
| **Viper Elementary** | **$8,446.46** |

**Child and Adult Food Care Program**

**Afterschool programs that participate in CACFP give children and teenagers the nutrition they need, and draw them into constructive activities that are safe, fun, and filled with opportunities for learning. The table below provides a synopsis of our 2020-2021 of our child and adult care food program.**

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| **# of Sites** | **7** |
| **# of Meals Served** | **334,699** |
| **Federal Reimbursement** | **$640,831.49** |

**Summer Feeding 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. We offer a combination of breakfast, lunch, supper, and snacks. These meals are served at schools, churches, and parks. The table below provides a synopsis of our 2024 summer feeding program.**

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| **# of Sites** | **21** |
| **# of Meals Served** | **171,353** |
| **Federal Reimbursement** | **$719,448.74** |

**A la carte Items**

**A la carte items are priced and made available to students 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.**

**For Improving the Nutrition & Physical Activity Environment**

* **Principals and staff are becoming more and 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.**
* **Physical activity is being promoted in all our schools – whether it’s in the classroom, PE gym, or on the playgrounds during recess. Every school has a certified PE teacher.**
* **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. Nonfat milks, whole grain foods, and more fresh fruits and vegetables are being offered daily.**
* **The district also participates in the Farm to School Program.**
* **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.**
* **Perry County schools food service departments works closely with our community partners to ensure that our children are receiving nutritional dense food.**

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