



Schuyler Community Schools  
 SAA Meeting  
 Monday, December 13, 2021 9:00 AM  
 Schuyler Community Schools Board Room  
 120 W. 20th Street  
 Schuyler, NE 68661-2400

Posting Locations:

- Schuyler Sun
- District Office Building Front Door
- Schuyler Post Office
- Colfax County Courthouse

Posted Date:

I. Discussion Items

**Communication - Belief**

**Effort      Respect      Responsibility**

**One Good Thing!**

**COVID-19 Update**

We are operating in the "YELLOW" this week due to increased illness across the district. Yellow requires masking of employees, increased efforts on disinfecting and sanitizing. Thank you for your increased effort to limit the spread of illness heading into the holiday break.

**COVID Report December 13, 2021**

**District Office, Preschool, Fishers, Richland**

Staff COVID+ - 0.      Student COVID+ - 0

**SES**

Staff COVID+ - 0.      Student COVID+ - 3

**SMS**

Staff COVID+ - 0      Student COVID+ - 1

**SCHS**

Staff COVID+ - 0      Student COVID+ - 4

**COVID Report December 6, 2021**

**District Office, Fishers**

Staff COVID+ - 0.      Student COVID+ - 0

**Preschool**

Staff COVID+ - 1.      Student COVID+ - 0

**SES**

Staff COVID+ - 0.      Student COVID+ - 2

**Richland**

Staff COVID+ - 0.      Student COVID+ - 2

**SMS**

Staff COVID+ - 1      Student COVID+ - 0

**SCHS**

Staff COVID+ - 1      Student COVID+ - 1

**Professional Reading:** (*Getting Better Faster*). Mrs. Yosten and Dr. Lefdal

1. **Health Screens:** Tori has organized health screens on the morning of the strategic planning meeting, January 17th. Meetings will be setup to allow individuals to leave for their screen, and return to the professional development workshops.

2. **2nd Quarter Outstanding Employees:** Please make sure you get your building outstanding employees recognized for 2nd Quarter. Building administrators will meet with the Foundation on January 10th at 1:00PM as these will be recognized on January 17th.

3. **Lunchroom Score Card:** Attached below is the first semester Lunchroom Score Card. This must be completed in each building for 1st Semester. See attached.

4. **2021 Strategic Plan Process:** Continue to review the 2021 Summary Report and read the history in your area to inform the 2022 strategic planning process. Dr. Gibbons and I will visit with you this week about your role in this process and hosting workshops on January 17-18.

5. **Workshop schedule for January 17-18:** Follow-up discussion on a combination of building, department, district level thought exchanges. Our goal with the decentralization of this process is to encourage a higher level of participation and commitment to the plan.

6. **2022-23 Calendar:** Dr. Gibbons provided the updated calendar with corresponding dates to the 2021-22 school year. This calendar serves as a baseline for Initial discussion on the 2022-23 School Calendar.

7. **Safety Update:** We will invite Law enforcement to our SAA meeting on January 3rd to review first semester involvement and support in your buildings and our plan for second semester.

8. **Board Meeting Review:** Review board agenda for December Meeting.



# SMARTER LUNCHROOMS SCORECARD

Date \_\_\_\_\_ School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Completed by \_\_\_\_\_

The Smarter Lunchrooms Scorecard is a list of simple, no-cost or low-cost strategies that can increase participation, reduce food waste, and increase selection and consumption of healthy school food.

## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Review the scorecard before beginning.
2. Observe a lunch period. Check off statements that reflect the lunchroom.
3. Ask other school nutrition staff, teachers, or administration about items that have an asterisk.\*



4. Tally the score.
5. Discuss the results with stakeholders. Choose unchecked strategies to implement in the lunchroom.

[SmarterLunchrooms.org](http://SmarterLunchrooms.org)

## FOCUS ON FRUIT

- At *least* two kinds of fruit are offered.
- Sliced or cut fruit is offered.
- A variety of mixed whole fruits are displayed in attractive bowls or baskets (instead of stainless steel pans).
- Fruit is offered in at least two locations on all service lines, one of which is right before each point of sale.

- At *least* one fruit is identified as the featured fruit-of-the-day and is labeled with a creative, descriptive name at the point of selection.
- A fruit taste test is offered at least once a year.\*

Focus on Fruit Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 6

## VARY THE VEGETABLES

- At *least* two kinds of vegetables are offered.
- Vegetables are offered on *all* service lines.
- Both hot *and* cold vegetables are offered.
- When cut, raw vegetables are offered, they are paired with a low-fat dip such as ranch, hummus, or salsa.\*
- A serving of vegetables is incorporated into an entrée item at *least* once a month (e.g., beef and broccoli bowl, spaghetti, black bean burrito).\*



- Self-serve spices and seasonings are available for students to add flavor to vegetables.
- At *least* one vegetable is identified as the featured vegetable-of-the-day and is labeled with a creative, descriptive name at the point of selection.
- A vegetable taste test is offered at *least* once a year.\*

Vary the Vegetables Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 8

## HIGHLIGHT THE SALAD

- Pre-packaged salads or a salad bar is available to all students.
- Pre-packaged salads or a salad bar is in a high traffic area.
- Self-serve salad bar tongs, scoops, and containers are larger for vegetables and smaller for croutons, dressing, and other non-produce items.

- Pre-packaged salads or salad bar choices are labeled with creative, descriptive names and displayed next to each choice.

Highlight the Salad Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 4

## MOVE MORE WHITE MILK

- Milk cases/coolers are kept full throughout meal service.
- White milk is offered in *all* beverage coolers.
- White milk is organized and represents at least 1/3 of all milk in *each* designated milk cooler.
- White milk is displayed in front of other beverages in *all* coolers.



- 1% or non-fat white milk is identified as the featured milk and is labeled with a creative, descriptive name.

Move More White Milk Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 5

## BOOST REIMBURSABLE MEALS

- Cafeteria staff politely prompt students who do not have a full reimbursable meal to select a fruit or vegetable.
- One entrée is identified as the featured entrée-of-the-day, is labeled with a creative name next to the point of selection, *and* is the first entrée offered.
- Creative, descriptive names are used for featured items on the monthly menu.
- One reimbursable meal is identified as the featured combo meal *and* is labeled with a creative name.
- The combo meal of the day or featured entrée-of-the-day is displayed on a sample tray or photograph.

- A (reimbursable) combo meal is offered as a grab-and-go meal.
- Signs show students how to make a reimbursable meal on *any* service line (e.g., a sign that says "Add a milk, fruit and carrots to your pizza for the Power Pizza Meal Deal!")
- Students can pre-order lunch in the morning or day before.\*
- Students must use cash to purchase à la carte snack items if available.
- Students have to ask a food service worker to select à la carte snack items if available.\*
- Students are offered a taste test of a new entrée at least once a year.\*

Reimbursable Meals Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 11

## LUNCHROOM ATMOSPHERE

- Cafeteria staff smile and greet students upon entering the service line and throughout meal service.
- Attractive, healthful food posters are displayed in dining and service areas.
- A menu board with today's featured meal options with creative names is readable from 5 feet away when approaching the service area.
- The lunchroom is branded and decorated in a way that reflects the student body.
- Cleaning supplies or broken/unused equipment are not visible during meal service.

- All lights in the dining and meal service areas work and are turned on.
- Compost/recycling and trash cans are at least 5 feet away from dining students.
- There is a clear traffic pattern. Signs, floor decals, or rope lines are used when appropriate.
- Trash cans are emptied when full.
- A menu board with *tomorrow's* featured meal with creative names is readable from 5 feet away in the service or dining area.

Lunchroom Atmosphere Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 10

## STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

- Student artwork is displayed in the service area or dining space.
- Students, teachers, or administrators announce today's menu in daily announcements.\*
- Students are involved in the development of creative and descriptive names for menu items.\*
- Students have the opportunity to volunteer in the lunchroom.

- Students are involved in the creation of artwork or marketing materials to promote menu items.\*
- Students provide feedback (informal - "raise your hand if you like..." or formal - focus groups, surveys) to inform menu development.\*

Student Involvement Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 6

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- A monthly menu is posted in the main office.
- A menu board with creative, descriptive names for today's featured meal options is located in the main office.
- A monthly menu is provided to students, families, teachers, and administrators.\*
- Information about the benefits of school meals is provided to teachers and administration at least annually.\*
- Nutrition education is incorporated into the school day.\*
- Students are engaged in growing food (for example, gardening, seed planting, farm tours, etc.).\*

- Elementary schools provide recess before lunch.\*
- The school participates in other food promotion programs such as: Farm to School, Chefs Move to Schools, Fuel Up to Play 60, Share our Strength, etc.\*
- The school has applied for the HealthierUS School Challenge.\*
- Smarter Lunchrooms strategies are included in the Local School Wellness Policy.\*

School Involvement Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_ of 10

## SMARTER LUNCHROOMS SCORECARD TOTAL

Focus on Fruit _____	of 6
Vary the Vegetables _____	of 8
Highlight the Salad _____	of 4
Move More White Milk _____	of 5
Reimbursable Meals _____	of 11
Lunchroom Atmosphere _____	of 10
Student Involvement _____	of 6
School Involvement _____	of 10

Scorecard Total \_\_\_\_\_ of 60

## AWARD LEVEL



### Bronze 15-25

Great job! This lunchroom is off to a strong start.



### Silver 26-45

Excellent. Think of all the kids that are inspired to eat healthier!



### Gold 46-60

This lunchroom is making the most of the Smarter Lunchroom Movement. Keep reaching for the top!

For Scorecard FAQs visit:  
[SmarterLunchrooms.org](http://SmarterLunchrooms.org)

The asterisk \* indicates items that may need input from other school nutrition staff, teachers, or administration.

Smarter Lunchrooms Scorecard 2.0

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## DEFINITIONS

**Point of Sale (POS):** Anywhere students leave the line with food and are charged or counted, such as at a register, check-out, or PIN pad

**Point of Selection:** Anywhere students select food or drink

**Service Line:** A designated line for meal selection—deli bar, salad bar, hot lunch line, snack window, etc.

**Grab-and-Go:** A pre-packaged reimbursable meal

**Reimbursable Meal/Combo Meal:** Any meal that meets all the USDA meal requirements and is priced as a unit

**Featured Items:** A fruit, vegetable, milk, or entrée that has been identified for promotion