



Food Service Department



Share Bin

Placed in an area near the cashier where students may return whole food or beverage items they choose not to eat.

Allowed Items:

- **Shelf stable,unopened pre-packaged items such as crackers, cereal, pop tarts, juice, etc**
- **Whole pieces of fruit with a peel**
- **Unopened milk(can not be taken out of the cafeteria)**

Students are allowed to take unopened shelf stable items with them and place in their backpack to take home for later.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program(FFVP)

Goals of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

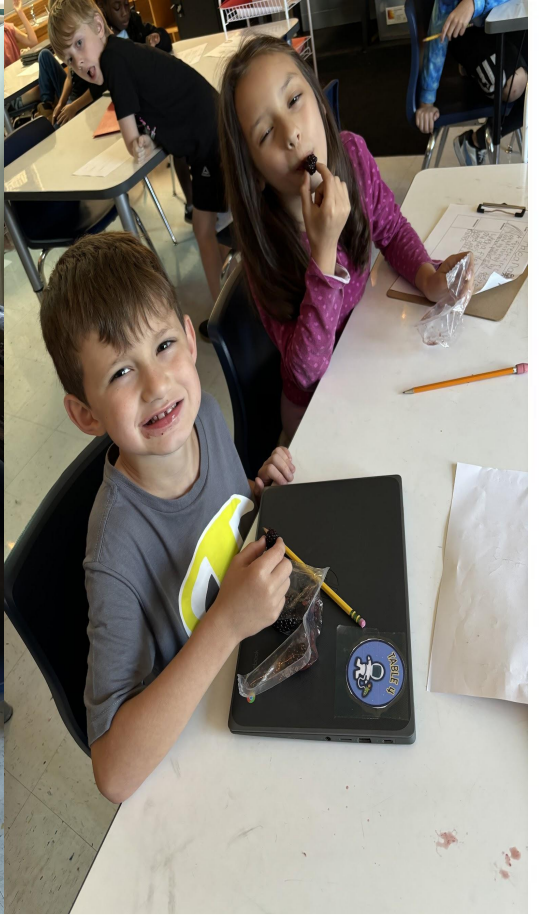
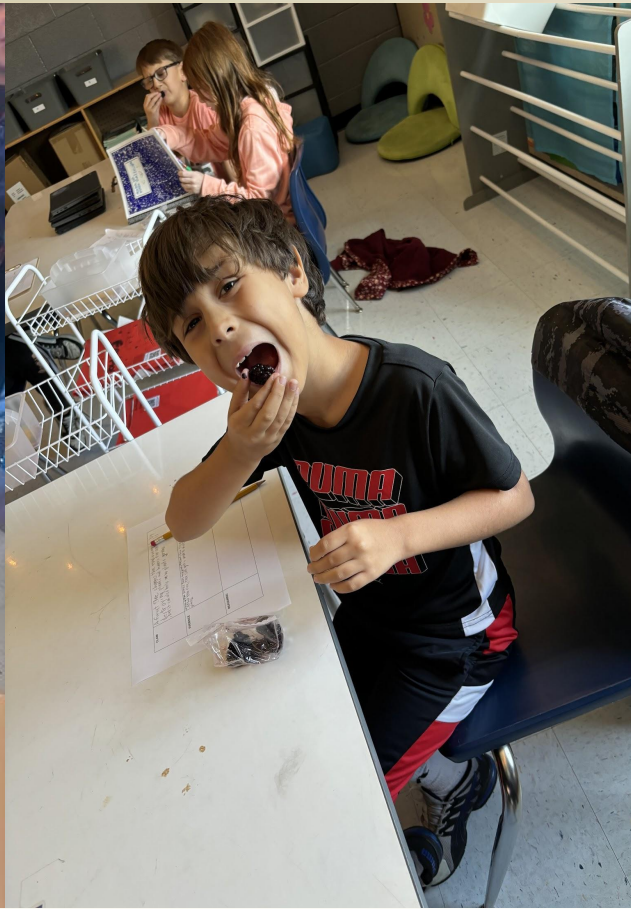
- Create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices.
- Expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience.
- Increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption.
- Make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

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2024-2025 Food Service Survey

1. Participation in Cafeteria Lunch

- **Overall Participation:** Approximately 62% of respondents (241 students) reported eating lunch in the cafeteria, while 38% cited reasons for not eating, primarily disliking the taste (25%) or appearance (17%) of the food. Some students (13%) selected "Other" reasons, which may include bringing their own lunch or eating elsewhere.
- **Grade-Level Differences:**
 - **Grades 3-5:** 64% eat in the cafeteria, with 20% citing taste and 10% citing appearance as reasons for not eating.
 - **Grades 6-8:** 60% eat in the cafeteria, with 22% disliking taste and 15% disliking appearance.
 - **Grades 9-12:** 60% eat in the cafeteria, with 31% disliking taste and 23% disliking appearance, indicating older students are more critical of food quality.

2. Favorite Breakfast and Lunch Entrees

- **Breakfast Favorites:** Popular items include:
 - **Sausage Biscuit** (mentioned 32 times), **Donuts** (26 times), **Pancakes** (22 times), **Poptarts** (14 times), and **Puffins** (12 times, mostly among older students).
 - Some students (e.g., Grades 9-12) noted they skip breakfast or eat at home.



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- **Lunch Favorites:** Top choices include:
 - **Pizza** (74 mentions), **Orange Chicken** (48 mentions), **Tacos** (26 mentions), **Chicken Nuggets/Tenders** (24 mentions), and **Salad** (17 mentions).
 - Younger students (Grades 3-5) frequently mentioned simpler items like burgers and hot dogs, while older students preferred variety like Alfredo or wings.

3. Desired Changes to Improve Cafeteria Lunches

- **Common Suggestions:**
 - **Taste and Seasoning:** 25% of respondents suggested improving taste, with specific calls for more seasoning (e.g., salt, pepper) and avoiding bland food.
 - **Variety and Options:** 20% requested more variety, less repetition (e.g., fewer burgers/hot dogs), and additional options like salad bars or alternative entrees.
 - **Portion Sizes:** 10% wanted larger portions or more food options, especially for popular items.
 - **Drinks and Sides:** Requests for better drink options (e.g., juice, soda, strawberry milk) and more fruit variety (12%).
 - **Environment:** Some suggested cafeteria improvements like more seating, music, or cleaner tables (5%).



Mealviewer Website

It is an online service and mobile application for students and parents to view daily school cafeteria menus, along with nutritional information, allergens, and school announcements.

<https://schools.mealviewer.com/district/RussellvilleSchools>

