

Support

HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS

School meals today include more fruits, vegetables, and whole grain-rich food than years past. They also provide portions that are appropriate for a child's age, and less saturated fat and sodium. They follow strict USDA nutritional guidelines.

The healthy options in cafeterias help our students live the Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 message that our district promotes:

- 5** or more **FRUITS & VEGETABLES**
- 2** hours or less of **RECREATIONAL SCREEN TIME**
- 1** hour or more of **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**
- 0** sugary drinks, **MORE WATER**

Teachers and other staff can play an important role in supporting the healthy meals school cafeterias provide. Here are some ways you can help support your school's healthy meals:

- Always speak positively about school meals and encourage students to try new items.
- Talk to your students about the new school lunches. Find out what they like/dislike and report back to the cafeteria staff.
- Serve as a role model by occasionally eating school lunch with your students.
- Read the menu of the day over the morning announcements.
- Incorporate nutrition education into your classroom.
- Support the message of healthy eating by not using food as a reward and by serving healthier options at classroom parties.

For more ideas on how to promote a healthy school environment, visit www.letsgo.org