

WLCSC Food Service Department

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Lunch Hero Day



Food Service Funding

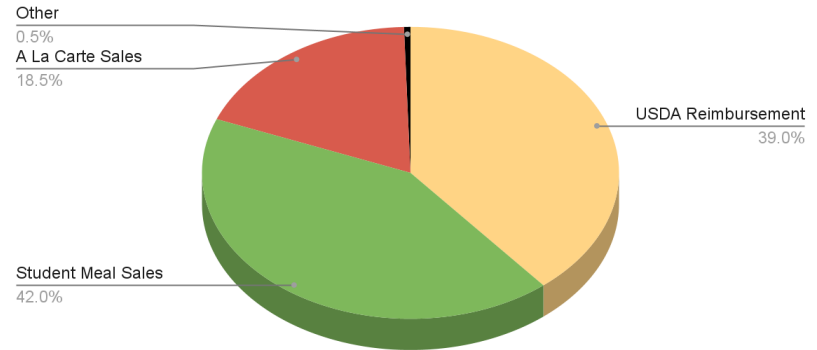
Status	USDA Reimbursement	Student Rate	Total
Free	Breakfast: \$2.28 Lunch: \$4.33	\$0.00	Breakfast: \$2.28 Lunch: \$4.33
Reduced	Breakfast: \$1.98 Lunch: \$3.93	Breakfast: \$0.30 Lunch: \$0.40	Breakfast: \$2.28 Lunch: \$4.33
Paid	Breakfast: \$0.38 Lunch: \$0.48	Breakfast: \$2.25 WLIS/WLES \$3.00 Jr/Sr HS \$3.25	Breakfast: \$2.63 WLIS/WLES \$3.48 Jr/Sr HS \$3.73
Adult	\$0.00	Breakfast \$3.00 Lunch: \$4.55	Breakfast: \$3.00 Lunch: \$4.55

Average per Lunch = \$3.77

45% Food Cost = \$1.70 to spend on lunch
 \$0.22 - Milk; \$0.90 - Entree; \$0.58 - Fruits/Veggies

~23% Free & Reduced

Funding Sources



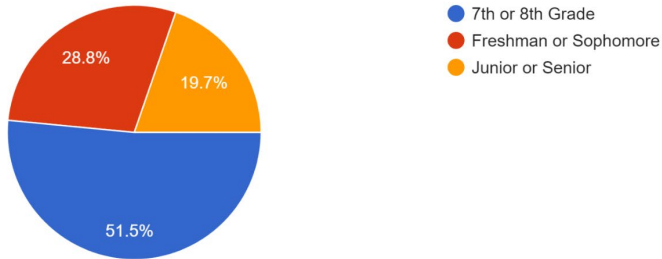
KLIC K12's Leading Indiana Co-op

68 school districts
158,828 students

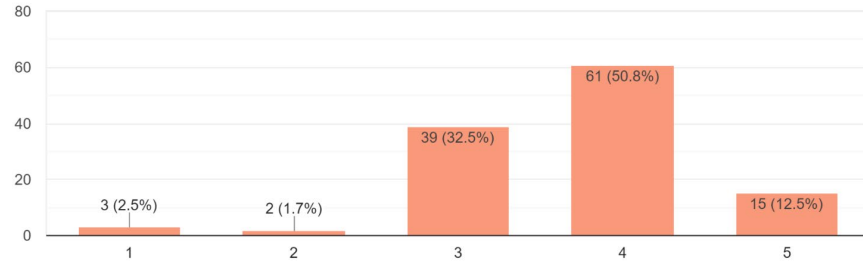
CATEGORY	COMPANY & DOCUMENTATION	RFP/BID YEAR (5 YEAR MAX)
Main Line Distributor	US Foods/Premier Renewal Letter	RFP- Year 2
Fresh Produce	Piazza Produce & Specialty Foods Award Letter & Tabulation Piazza Produce RFP Response	RFP- Year 1
Dairy Bid 3	Prairie Farms Renewal Letter	Bid-Year 3
Snack & Beverages	Commercial Food Systems Renewal Letter	RFP- Year 4
Frozen Novelties	Velvet Ice Cream Renewal Letter	RFP-Year 2
Branded Pizza Program	Smart Mouth Pizza Renewal Letter	RFP-Year 2
K12 Sanitation Program	SMART Systems Award Letter & Tabulation Smart Systems Response	RFP- Year 1

Red Devil Dining Court Survey

Grade Level
132 responses



What is your overall satisfaction with school lunch?
120 responses



“I gave it a 1 because mashed potatoes and chicken noodles isn't every day”

5 - Unsatisfied (4%)
115 - Neutral - Highly Satisfied (96%)

Pizza

**Grilled Cheese & Tomato
Soup**

Sushi

Sloppy Joes

Drumstick

Wings

Orange Chicken

Chicken & Noodles

Pasta Bar

Fiesta Bar

Chimichanga

Salad/Sub
Bar

Meatball Sub

**Mac &
Cheese Bar**

Lasagna

Pot Stickers

Sliders

Favorites!

Pineapple

Breakfast Bowl

Potatoes

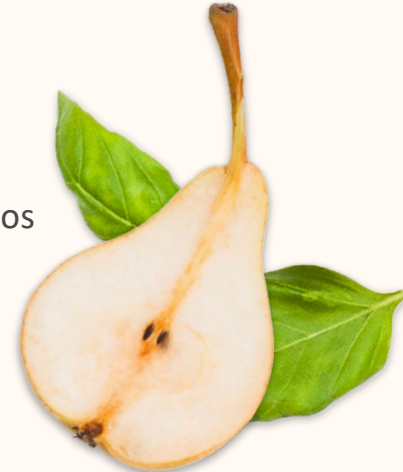


**Salisbury
Steak**

Pulled Pork

Chicken
Sandwich

Bosc



Beans

Alfredo

Country Fried
Chicken

Soft Pretzels

Student Comments & Suggestions:

- More vegetarian options
- Have nachos weekly
- Rolls are dry
- You guys are the best!
- Serve less chicken
- Serve beijing beef & crab rangoon
- Undercooked or overcooked fries
- Jo (employee) is incredible
- Ensure equal portions
- Give larger portions
- More pasta sauce options
- Provide different foods
- We are still alive so good job
- Wish it was free
- Offer simple proteins
- Run out of food options by the end
- More cultural foods
- Offer watermelon & other fruit options
- We have great meals
- Offer shrimp and fried rice
- More pizza topping options
- Bring baked potatoes back
- Offer lo mein
- Offer rice bowls
- I love the staff they are great

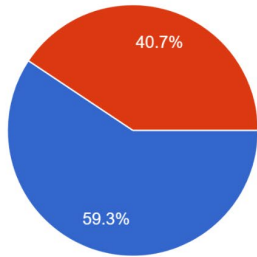


WLES & WLIS

Student/Parent Survey

Please Select from the Following

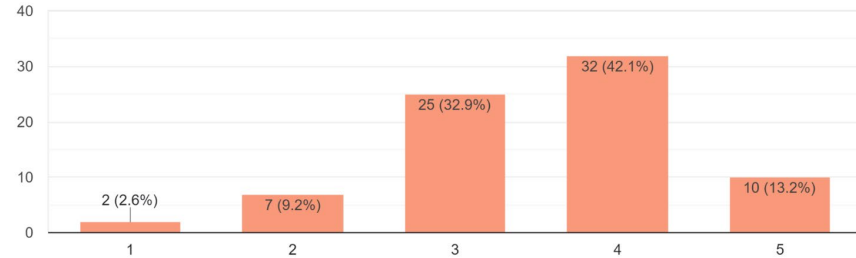
91 responses



- West Lafayette Elementary School Student/Parent
- West Lafayette Intermediate School Student/Parent

What is your overall satisfaction with school lunch?

76 responses



9 - Unsatisfied (12%)
67 - Neutral - Highly Satisfied (88%)

Pizza

Pork Chop
Patty

Fruits &
Fruit Slushy

Pretzels

Grilled Cheese

Nachos

Orange Chicken

Yogurt Parfait

Hot Dog

Pasta

Cheeseburger

Walking
Taco

Vegetables

Mac &
Cheese

Spaghetti

Chicken & Noodles

Favorites!

Plant Based
Nuggets

Tacos

Breakfast for
Lunch

Fish Sticks

Popcorn
Chicken

Quesadillas

Chicken
Sandwich

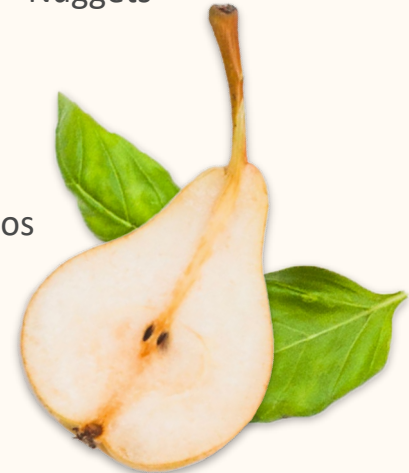
Bosc

Italian Rotini

Alfredo

Corn Dogs

Chicken Nuggets



Student/Parent Comments & Suggestions:

- Serve less fried food
- Offer subway style sandwiches
- Small portion sizes
- Food is unhealthy
- More vegetarian options
- Thanks for taking care of our kids
- Less frozen/preheated food
- Healthier versions of these foods
- Mixed reviews on pizza - Love/Hate
- Too much oil & fat in food
- Less fried and more steamed
- We appreciate your work!
- Bread tastes like sandpaper
- Staff is really nice
- Kitchen is awesome
- Offer butter & salt on mashed potatoes
- Offer burrito bowls
- Offer sushi, pizza hut, veggie straws
- Spaghetti without the meat sauce
- Offer authentic non-american food
- More salad options
- More fresh fruit not fruit in syrup
- Consider purchasing local produce
- More fresh food offerings
- The school should offer healthier food (No added sugar, lower salt, whole grain, less processed, more fruits & veggies)

Common Misconception!!

****School Food is unhealthy!****

April 2021 - The Journal of the American Medical Association

Study: Trends in Food Sources and Diet Quality Among US Children and Adults

Researchers Analyzed the diets of over 21,000 Children & 40,000 Adults between 2003 and 2018.

Findings:

- Foods consumed at schools improved significantly over the 15 year span and provided the best mean diet quality of all major US Food Sources.

“Schools are now the single healthiest place Americans are eating”



Did you know?

- All National School Lunch Program Guidelines come from the USDA. And they model these guidelines after the Dietary Guidelines for Americans!
- We offer at minimum 1 full cup of fruit and 1 full cup of vegetables at all schools. And students are able to take all of that everyday!
 - Fruit is either fresh, canned in 100% juice, or 100% fruit juice.
 - We offer Vegetable Subgroups - Dark Green, Red/Orange, Beans, Starchy, & Other. All fresh, steamed, or baked. We do NOT have any flyers in our schools
 - DOD Fresh - A new program for next year! Hoping to increase variety of our fruits and vegetables!
 - Piazza Produce partners with local companies for our fruits & vegetables
- 80% of our grains are whole grain rich! The remaining grains are enriched
 - Required to offer 2 oz equivalents which is why some meals seem carb heavy

Did you know?

- Most grade levels require 2 oz equivalents of protein
 - We offer vegetarian options everyday at all grade levels!
 - Vegetarian offerings still must meet the protein requirements
 - Cheese & other dairy products used in lots of vegetarian options
 - Plant Based Proteins are entering the K-12 Industry
 - Kickin Sandwich or Kickin Nuggets
 - Black Bean Burger
 - Impossible Burger
- We are required to offer fat free & low fat milk at all levels and are not allowed to replace it with water.
 - Soy Milk is available for lactose intolerant students

Did you know?

- The guidelines have specifications for calories, saturated fat, sodium content, and in the next few years sugar.
 - Most K-12 specific items already account for these regulations
- We can provide meals for students with special diets!
- Everything sold a la carte must follow Smart Snack Guidelines and be inputted in a calculator to ensure compliance before it can be sold at school.

Thanks!

Questions?

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