



## Denver Public Schools Food & Nutrition Services Summer Feeding Program

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- ❖ The Summer Feeding Program refers to the free meal program offered during summer months that provides nutritious meals to all children at no charge, regardless of income, race or religion.
- ❖ **Funding:** The Summer Feeding Program is funded solely by the Department of Food & Nutrition Services through the USDA School Meals Program. Neither the City or County of Denver nor the general fund of Denver Public Schools provides money for this program. The Food and Nutrition Services Department is operated as an enterprise fund in this district, which means it receives no operating funds from either the city or the school district and therefore, will not affect funding for any other city or school district programs.
- ❖ The Summer Feeding Program was implemented by Denver Public Schools, Food and Nutrition Services Department based on our vision to, “Feed Every Child Every Day”.
- ❖ The Department of Food and Nutrition Services of DPS recognizes that well-nourished children are better equipped to learn. Through the summer feeding program, we aim to make meals accessible to all students so they will be better prepared for success.
- ❖ All the meals we serve comply with the new School Wellness Policy. The Department of Food and Nutrition Services has always been ahead of most school food service departments when it comes to high nutritional standards. While some of our products may be perceived as being high in fat, calories or sugar, when considered as one portion of a day’s worth of food consumed and eaten in moderation, they are not. If the School Wellness Policy had been implemented three years ago, our menus would have required no changes.

