



SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM



NOURISHING MEALS • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS • CARING EXPERTS

Tennessee's School Nutrition Program is responsible for providing nutritious meals and snacks for students in public and private schools, as well as residential and child care institutions. The School Nutrition Program administers the USDA's National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snack Program, Special Milk Program, and Seamless Summer Option across the state. All public schools in Tennessee are on the [National School Lunch Program](#), which provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost, or free lunches to children each school day.



NOURISHING MEALS

Healthy food fuels students for learning. School meals continue to meet federal nutrition standards. Research has shown that the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs play a critical role in supporting academic achievement and combatting childhood hunger and obesity.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

School Nutrition Programs in Tennessee enrich the communities they serve by partnering with local farmers, producers and vendors to feed and educate students on locally grown foods. School Nutrition Programs also serve as a vast market for locally purchased foods, supplies and equipment, as well as providing jobs in the community.



CARING EXPERTS

School Nutrition Program professionals work hard to provide safe, nutritious and delicious meals to the communities they serve. Our professionals across the state of Tennessee are experts in food service, food safety, nutrition and even culinary arts!



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