

Akron Public Schools  
Harrison-Jackson Community Learning Center  
Urban - Akron Ohio, Summit County  
*Innovative Breakfast Programs*



### Collaborators

- Child Nutrition Services
- Principle
- Building Leadership Team
- Custodial staff
- Transportation staff



### Serving Strategy

- Kindergarten and first-grade get/eat breakfast in the cafeteria
- Second through fifth-grade get breakfast from a mobile cart and eat in their classroom.

### Goals

- Accommodate a larger-than-expected enrollment for breakfast.
- District long-term goal - implement BIC in the remaining 25 elementary schools

### Results:

- Breakfast participation over 75% (13% increase over previous year).
- Attendance is at 95.5% (1.5% increase over previous year).
- Akron Public Schools reports that in buildings with breakfast in the classroom, staff observe less disciplinary problems and trips to the nurse related to hunger.

### The Story

Harrison-Jackson Community Learning Center (CLC) enrollment grew more than any expected! Child Nutrition Services needed to serve breakfast to a larger-than-anticipated enrollment. Six months before opening, Child Nutrition Services approached the principal with the idea of Breakfast in the Classroom. The principal promoted the concept to the custodial and transportation staff and the Building Leadership Team (BLT)-a team of teachers which make and approve building decisions with the principal. Everyone toured a similar Akron elementary school with a successful Breakfast in the Classroom program. They were impressed with the efficiency of service and the quiet, calm atmosphere observed and were eager to implement BIC at Harrison-Jackson on the first day of school.

- The BLT educate all the building teachers on the breakfast service and its benefits.
- All concerns were addressed up front.
- Each teacher is assigned a breakfast role.
- Custodial staff ensure ample trash cans are where they need to be
- Transportation staff make sure the busses arrive on time and students are dropped off at the door closest to the breakfast area

Akron Public Schools recognizes school breakfast helps prepare students for learning.

*"We feed over 400 students every morning in less that 25 minutes from start to finish. The students are adequately nourished, teachers start the day with well-behaved students who are ready to learn, the principal isn't dealing with discipline issues from the overcrowded breakfast room and the Child Nutrition Services staff feel a sense of accomplishment because we fed every student who wanted a breakfast. GOAL MET!"*

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