

Tri-Rivers Career Center
Rural, Marion, Ohio
Marion County



Breakfast & Beyond-2021

Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators
- Teachers, Nurse, Students, Support Staff
- Child Nutrition
- Parents, Community Health

Career Center Meal Options for Remote and On-Campus Learning

- Grab n go to breakfast carts in the cafeteria and hallways
- Hot breakfast daily in the cafeteria
- Breakfast and lunch meals packaged for remote learners

Goals

- Ensure that all students have easy access to breakfast and lunch
- Breakfast at no charge for all students.

Results

- Grab n go breakfast in the cafeteria and hallways has increased breakfast participation.
- Breakfast participation increased by 73% from August 2019 to March 2021.

SY 2020-2021- As a vocational school, Tri-Rivers Career Center has students from various school districts. Food service staff receives student input to include student favorites on the breakfast and lunch menus. USDA foods are used to help defray menu costs. The food service staff worked with food suppliers during the pandemic to determine types of food that could be used for meals on campus and sent home with students for remote learning. At the beginning of the school year, availability of meals and pickup times were promoted to students and parents by the communication department and building principal.

New sanitation and food handling procedures are in place for preparation and distribution of foods. All meals and food items must be properly covered for all packaged meals sent home on remote learning days. Staff time has increased to ensure safety in preparation and packaging of meals for remote learning. The building staff and administrators have helped in the distribution of meals on remote days. Their help has been critical to ensure enough people are available to distribute meals to students.

On Campus: Daily hot breakfast and a variety of grab and go items are available to all students in the cafeteria. Breakfast carts are also placed in the hallways to help maintain social distancing, catch students that are late and increase speed of service. One of the goals of increasing access to breakfast was to increase the number of students that eat breakfast every day. Students are excited about all the options and enjoy the items offered. Utilizing USDA foods for breakfast and lunch has reduced food costs. Breakfast participation has increased by 73% from August 2019 to March 2020 by increasing food options and access to breakfast. Tri-Rivers Career Center plans to continue breakfast carts in the hall and new grab n go items on the menu next school year.



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