

Elgin Local School District Rural, Marion, Ohio Marion County

Breakfast & Beyond-2022



Collaborators

- District & Building Administrators, Teachers
- Nurse, Child Nutrition Staff, Janitor
- Support Staff, Students

School District Instructional & Meal Options

SY 2021-2022- In-person instruction

- K-2: Breakfast in the classroom.
- Grade 3-12: Breakfast in the cafeteria.
- Breakfast and Lunch are offered at no charge.

Goals

- Scratch cooking for hot and cold foods for breakfast
- Provide a balanced breakfast to all students

Results

- Approximately 36% of students districtwide eat a daily breakfast at school.
- Approximately 65% of students districtwide eat a daily lunch at school.

SY 2021-22- K-2 students eat breakfast in the classroom and grades 3-12 eat breakfast in the cafeteria. All meals are offered at no charge.

Supply chain shortages have affected every aspect of the food service operation. Food shortages in pre-packaged foods and paper supplies led to frequent menu changes and time spent preparing orders in advance. For instance, instead of taking 30 minutes to place an order once per week, hours were spent placing orders for the whole month.

The food service department placed orders with various vendors depending on shortages. The cafeteria staff adjusted menus when shortages or substitutions were made by vendors delivering food. Time management was important to complete all tasks required to ensure all students were offered breakfast and lunch.

Food service staff became adept at making breakfast from scratch and packaging items to deliver to the classroom or serve in the cafeteria. Cafeteria staff delivered breakfast bags in the hallway to K-2 students to eat in the classroom. After breakfast, staff picked up trash in the classrooms. New recipes and menu items like breakfast taquito and blueberry pancakes were introduced at the high school and then to the elementary school.

Preparing breakfast foods from scratch to pre-package has been successful. Students have enjoyed the new recipes. The biggest compliment most often comes from the littlest students. It simply has been said, "Thank you for always feeding us."