



Case Study: Park Rapids Public Schools

Grades: PreK-12

Location: Park Rapids, Minnesota



## NutriStudents K-12<sup>®</sup> Helps Overcome Menu Fatigue with Wide Variety of Flavorful Menus

Most would find it time consuming and daunting to prepare daily meals for more than 1,000 students with a relatively small staff. Not Tom Marcussen, foodservice director of Park Rapids School District in Park Rapids, Minn. Marcussen uses NutriStudents K-12, a self-operated, plug-and-play system to help him dramatically cut menu-planning time while offering a variety of foods with creative flavors. With more than 100 total weeks of USDA-compliant menus, NutriStudents K-12 gives him the flexibility to mix and match menu weeks to fight menu fatigue and offer students and staff an assortment of new cuisine.

**“The food choices and flavors aren’t something we’ve had before; that’s nice because we like change as much as our students. They don’t want to eat the same things,”** Marcussen said. **“NutriStudents K-12 is designed so it’s very easy to switch out a week’s menu for one of our old favorites. We’ve received a lot of compliments.”**

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The positive feedback goes beyond the students. NutriStudents K-12 straight-forward menus and complete step-by-step recipes with HACCP procedures were well-received by the district’s head cooks and foodservice staff. **“Everything is laid out for you,”** Marcussen explained. **“It’s very easy to read – you just go down the list of food items you’ll need and follow the recipe instructions.”**

Marcussen and his staff also appreciate the food production records supplied by NutriStudents K-12. The administrative process of keeping organized records is simple when using the downloadable forms from NutriStudents K-12.

Head Cook Judy Gertz, said, **“With NutriStudents K-12 my whole job is easier. We’re spending less time**

**doing food prep and cooking. Production reports are all right there and so easy.”**

Because of the foodservice staff’s satisfaction preparing and serving NutriStudents K-12 delicious USDA-compliant meals, combined with the overwhelmingly favorable response from students, the Park Rapids School District looks forward to implementing more NutriStudents K-12 menus.

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