



Solving food service directors' most perplexing challenges

Problem: Kids don't like the certified menus

Our kids love the food from NutriStudents K-12®! I haven't had one single complaint yet this year!
Sue Motzko, Food Service Director, Sebeka Public Schools

Some parents have said their kids have said the food is much better this year! Sandi Rentz, Food Service Director, Wadena-Deer Creek Public Schools

This doesn't look or taste like school lunch. It's absolutely awesome! I'd be proud to serve this at home! Participation increased 5-6% after one month and continues growing. Even the administration and school staff has increased their participation since we launched NutriStudents K-12. Shelly Miller, Food Service Director, Staples-Motley Public Schools

The kids are excited about breakfast and lunch. Participation has increased much more than we expected – from 500 to 700 students every day. Crystal Vang, Food Service Director, Prairie Seeds Academy Charter School

Our plate waste was reduced by about 20% the first month alone.
Shelly Miller, Food Service Director, Staples-Motley Public Schools

It would be almost impossible for a smaller school such as ours to offer our students meal choices that meet the USDA nutrition requirements. With this program, our school community is very pleased with our menus. The food is both delicious and healthy. Jitendrapal S. Kundan, Director, New City K-8 Charter School

Problem: Limited time for compliance requirements

Our foodservice staff is absolutely thrilled with the automated production reporting now that we're using NutriStudents K-12. Not manually writing them out is saving so much time every day. Shelly Miller, Food Service Director, Staples-Motley Public Schools

We had lots of challenges with our program previously, including the amount of time it took. Menu planning, reporting, food safety issues, record keeping – it was really the equivalent of a full time position to handle what this system is doing for us right now. Really, I'd say we save 40 hours a week. Crystal Vang, Food Service Director, Prairie Seeds Academy Charter School

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 to do now. Judy Gertz, Head Cook, Park Rapids Public Schools

Problem: Creating a variety of certified menus

It's nice working with the user-friendly menus as they are already set up and laid out, knowing they are totally precise in meeting USDA requirements without a question. It's designed so it's very easy to switch out a week's menu for one of our old favorites. Tom Marcussen, Food Service Director, Park Rapids Public Schools

The greatest advantage to working with NutriStudents K-12 is that they have already done most of the work for us. Most of the time, a person heading a foodservice program would have to spend time developing tasty, regulated meals and menus, creating production records for every meal, researching USDA guidelines, developing HACCP manuals, etc. I never have to question if their menus are compliant or if their guidance and support in any area are correct. They know their food and their schools better than anyone. Naomi Christianson, Business Administrator, Aurora Charter School

Problem: Budget constraints

I'm so pleased with my lower food cost because of the NutriStudents K-12 market basket. Last year I overspent my budget and had to get additional funding. I'm writing fewer purchase orders this fall, and we're well within budget and on track to not go over budget this school year. Shelly Miller, Food Service Director, Staples-Motley Public Schools

Our food costs are already down from last year after just one month because of the NutriStudents K-12 market basket and working with Upper Lakes Foods. It's also much easier to track purchases now. Tom Marcussen, Food Service Director, Park Rapids Public Schools

Problem: Increased plate waste

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We have quite a bit less food waste this year, probably 30-40% less than last year. Even our custodians have commented about the difference they're noticing! Tom Marcussen, Food Service Director, Park Rapids Public Schools

Problem: Getting answers when you need them

NutriStudents K-12 customer service is excellent. They treat me like I'm their only customer. Sue Motzko, Food Service Director, Sebeka Public Schools

I love that my questions are addressed right away. The staff has helped with the flow of our lunch service and it's easier now to wrap my brain around Offer versus Serve at breakfast. They've been very helpful, teaching me a lot. Chris Hiljus, Food Service manager, Trinity First Lutheran School

NutriStudents K-12 customer service is very good. Every email or call is responded to immediately. Tom Marcussen, Food Service Director, Park Rapids Public Schools

NutriStudents K-12[®] is the best thing that's happened to me in my foodservice career!

Sue Motzko, Food Service Director, Sebeka Public Schools
