ROCKCASTLE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

2015-2016 Nutrition & Physical Activity Report Card

Rockcastle County School District is committed to addressing and encouraging the educational, psychological, and physical growth of all students. The school environment promotes healthy eating and physical activities that support student achievement and encourages lifelong wellness practices.

The following annual report includes facts about the school breakfast and lunch programs as well as the physical activity opportunities in the schools.



Our schools offer one percent and skim milk as well as 100% fruit juice. According to the USDA guidelines, a variety of vegetables from the four sub groups are offered weekly. Food and beverage items that are sold as extras meet the USDA's Smart Snacks nutrition standards required by the Kentucky Board of Education.

"The sale or service of food or beverages to students by students or parent organizations or school personnel through food sales, snack bars, or vending cannot occur

until 1/2 hour after the close of the last lunch period. All food and beverages sold during the school day must meet standards set by state law." (702 KAR 6:090)

| Lunch Participation | 2015-2016 | 2014-2015 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| # schools participating | 5 | 5 |
| Total lunches served | 386,665 | 346,053 |
| Average Daily Participation | 2275 | 2060 |

NUTRITION

Effective SY 2015-2016, all Rockcastle County students receive breakfast and lunch free of charge through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

National School Breakfast Program

All Rockcastle County schools participate in the School Breakfast Program (SBP) for which federal reimbursement is received for each breakfast served that meets the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrition guidelines.

In September 2015, RCMS and RCHS began offering second chance breakfast. Second chance breakfast is offered in convenient locations between first and second period and is effective for serving students who, due to family schedules or transportation issues, are not able to eat in the morning before school begins and is also effective for students who are not hungry first thing in the morning, but do get hungry before lunch. Total breakfasts served more than doubled in the 2015-2016 school year in comparison to 2014-2015.

| Breakfast Participation | 2015-2016 | 2014-2015 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| # schools participating | 5 | 5 |
| Total breakfasts served | 330,383 | 158,909 |
| Average Daily Participation | 1943 | 946 |

National School Lunch Program

The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) continues to work to safeguard the health and well-being of the nation's children by ensuring that school meals follow USDA guidelines. School districts receive federal reimbursement for each student lunch served that meets these guidelines.

Our lunches are planned on a four-week menu cycle. Federal regulations require that we offer age-appropriate portions of entrées, fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and milk for lunch. The portions are designed to meet the needs of growing children, while providing a specified number of calories and specified amounts of fat, saturated fat, and sodium. The menu cycle ensures that we offer a variety of food choices and allows us to make the most efficient use of USDA donated commodities.

Nutrient Analysis

| SY 2015-2016 Nutrient Analysis Elementary Lunch Week | | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Elementary Meal Pattern | Weekly Minimum Standard | Actually Offered | Met Standard | |
| Fruit (cups) | 2.5 | 8 | Yes | |
| Vegetables (cups) | 3.75 | 6.375 | Yes | |
| Whole Grains (oz) | 8 - 9 | 11.75 | Yes | |
| Meat/Meat Alt. (oz) | 8 - 10 | 10.5 | Yes | |
| Milk (cups) | 5 | 5 | Yes | |
| Calories/day (avg.) | 550-650 | 637 | Yes | |
| Saturated Fat (avg.) | < 10% | 7.5% | Yes | |
| Trans Fat | 0 | 0 | Yes | |
| Sodium (avg.) | <1230 mg | 1043 mg | Yes | |
| Whole Grains | All grains must be whole grain– rich. Yes | | Yes | |

| SY 2015-2016 Nutrient Analysis Elementary Breakfast Week | | | |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Elementary Meal Pattern | Weekly Minimum Standard | Actually Offered | Met Standard |
| Fruit/Veg. (cups) | 5 | 5 | Yes |
| Grains / Meat (oz) | 7 - 10 | 10 | Yes |
| Milk (cups) | 5 | 5 | Yes |
| Calories/day (avg.) | 350-500 | 435 | Yes |
| Saturated Fat (avg.) | < 10% | 4.42% | Yes |
| Trans Fat | 0 | 0 | Yes |
| Sodium (avg.) | <540 mg | 480 mg | Yes |
| Whole Grains | All grains must be whole grain– rich. Yes | | |

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PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Physical Activity Environment

Schools play a crucial role in influencing physical activity behaviors. Sound curriculum, policies, and facilities create an environment encouraging students and staff to engage in a variety of physical activity opportunities. Evidence supports a correlation between academic scores and the physical wellbeing of students.

Physical education teachers and other resources have created activities that classroom teachers can easily implement in order to work toward the goal of daily moderate to vigorous activity in elementary schools. PE classes, recess, and exercising to DVDs in classrooms are just a few examples.

- Schools offer clubs and community physical activity programs which include after school programs and sports activities. Examples: The Rock Moves, DanceBlue and walking clubs)
- Elementary physical education is required for each student but is taught on different schedules at each of the three elementary schools. All students receive approximately 110 minutes of physical education per week.
- Physical education is required for each middle school student for 14 consecutive weeks during grades 6 – 8:
 225 minutes of physical activity are taught each week for 14 weeks; then health is taught for 14 weeks. This continues for the school year.
- Physical education is a required course for freshmen.
 They take Health and PE at the same time for one credit.
 PE II is offered for 90 minutes as an elective once PE I is passed. RCHS will use the Physical Education
 Curriculum Assessment Tool (PECAT) to determine scope and sequence to deliver grade level benchmarks.

| Physical Activity Environment Assessment 2015-2016 | | | |
|---|-------|---------------|--------------|
| Program/Activity | Elem. | <u>Middle</u> | <u>High</u> |
| Provides daily recess | YES | YES | YES |
| Provides at least 150 minutes of physical education per week | YES | N/A | N/A |
| Provides at least 225 minutes of physical education | N/A | YES | 9th Grade |
| Provides intramural physical activity opportunities | YES | YES | YES |
| Offer facilities to families/ community for physical activity opportunities | YES | YES | YES |



ACHIEVEMENTS

- RCHS hosted first annual "The Rock Moves" to promote health and physical activity (October 2016)
- RES participated in the Rockin' Fit Kids afterschool program and implemented the After School Snack program (October 2016)
- To accommodate students who stay after school for enrichment, academic and athletic activities, RCS implemented the After School Snack Program at MVES, RCMS and RCHS. (January 2016)
- RCHS developed a school wellness committee. (January 2016)
- To make breakfast more accessible, RCMS and RCHS implemented second chance breakfast. (September 2015)
- All schools became part of the Community Eligibility Provision and all students eat breakfast and lunch free of charge. (August 2015)
- All school cafeterias received new signage encouraging healthy eating habits, for example, the USDA My Plate "1 Terrific Tray" displays. Signage helps students make wiser food choices and build healthier trays.
- All food service staff received additional training from Somerset Community College culinary program instructor in the areas of safety, healthy recipes and presentation.
- In December 2015, the school nutrition program was audited by the Kentucky Department of Education and found to be in compliance with the National School Breakfast and Lunch program guidelines.
- Participation continues to increase:

| | Breakfast Fall 2015 | Breakfast Fall 2016 | Lunch Fall 2015 | Lunch Fall 2016 |
|--------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| K-5 | 54% | 67% | 86% | 88% |
| Middle | 81% | 87% | 79% | 84% |
| High | 51% | 67% | 72% | 73% |