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Things You Probably Didn't Know About Jeffco Food and Nutrition Services

1 When we say "healthy," we back that up!

Nutrition Always First: We've set high standards of quality and nutrition for our students. Each recipe ensures we're enabling an amazing learning environment. Our promise is that we will never compromise these high standards.

Registered Dietitians: We have 4 full-time, Registered Dietitians (R.D.'s) on staff. That's right! Our experts know health and our menu planning team creates menus that will maximize the growth and development of each child by blending taste and health.

Chef-Crafted Recipes: Chef Amanda is our full-time chef and a parent inside Jeffco. She's tasked with creating and optimizing kid-friendly recipes for all Jeffco students. Her test kitchen is always cooking up something tasty!

2 We're not perfect; but we're working hard

Locally sourced: Whenever we can, we prefer to use local ingredients, local companies, and local produce. That means Olathe corn, western slope peaches, and many other items that make Colorado proud.

Presentation: Appearance of our foods is critical. We know that healthy items that don't look tasty just won't get eaten! We're researching, testing, creating, and training our staff. We want our healthy foods to be exciting and encourage healthy eating.

Having items in stock: When you're preparing 30,000 meals each day, inventory becomes a challenge. At times, we've run out of the popular items! We're working to fix this and have some solutions coming! Bottom line, if we say we're serving it, we'll have it ready for the students!

3 We're more than just chicken nuggets + pizza

The perception: We're branching out. Just a few examples: a hummus box filled with red pepper hummus and whole grain pita chips to a student favorite Sweet Thai Chili Bowl! We're not your typical school lunch and our menu items are extensive!

The reality: The average restaurant typically provides 3-5 unique food items for children. We're pleased to offer more than 76 unique menu items and are excited to find new items that resonate with students' taste preferences.

The goal: We're flexible & agile. Yes, we have very strict nutritional standards but we're always seeking to new ideas and recipes to introduce to our students. Learn more and join our conversations on social media (@JeffcoK12Food)

4 We're extremely transparent

Hide & Seek: We just don't play that game. If you have questions, concerns, or are seeking information about any menu item, you should be able to find it.

School lunch innovation: More than just making information available, we strive to make it easy to find and understand. We've published a wealth of information about our foods that can be found at our website: www.jeffcoschoolfood.org/menus

Special Diets: No doubt about it, this is an incredibly serious matter. We've worked tirelessly with all our vendors to ensure we have the right information regarding special diets. Our team can also work with your individual family to ensure your nutritional needs are being met to the best of our ability.



5 We provide unmatched value

Nutritional value: Our mission is to help your children get tasty, healthy meals. It's our full time job and we love what we do. Each day, we get to serve healthy, nutritious meals to the world's greatest students! Dream job.;

Operating budget: Many people don't realize that we operate as a self-sustaining entity in the school district. We receive no district dollars and maintain a balanced operation. We only make money when our students eat with us! We're different than for-profit business though because whenever we turn a profit, we invest 100% of it back into our operation!

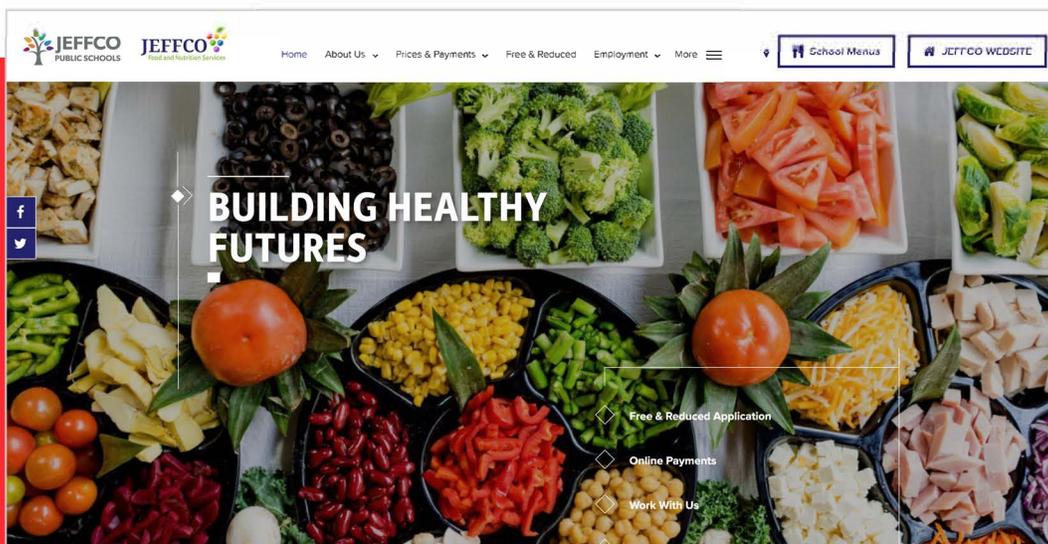
Pricing value: If we took our meals to competitive restaurants, the costs would more than double! We've worked hard to find not just the best foods, but also the best prices. We pass that savings right back into your pockets and our low prices reflect the laser sharp focus we have on providing healthy meals at the lowest possible cost!

Conclusion

We love our jobs and consider it a great privilege to serve your students each day. We're not perfect, but we're definitely taking school nutrition to the next level!

If you ever have questions, ideas, concerns, or just want to be in touch, please reach out to us! We want to hear from you and love working together to improve your child's health.

Warm regards,
Jeffco Food & Nutrition Services



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