

# Meal Participation

As a district we strive for 80% participation for breakfast and lunch. As COVID-19 continues to be apart of our every day lives, our participation benchmarks have changed to reflect our Virtual Learning model. Currently our participation is:

District Wide Participation Breakfast: 15%

District Wide Participation Lunch: 16%



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## Holyoke Public Schools Food and Nutrition

### COVID-19 Serving Models

We welcomed back our youngest learners on February 22<sup>nd</sup> for in person Hybrid Learning. We are excited to see more of our students return this spring and offer them nutritious meals. We partner with all administrators to offer a safe meal service for our students. This includes meals consumed in their classrooms, gymnasiums and cafeterias with 6 feet of social distancing and rigorous sanitation practices. Breakfast, Lunch, Snack and Dinner is offered to all children 18 years or younger. We continue to support our virtual learners will meal distribution sites Mondays/Wednesdays and Fridays at: Donahue, Kelly, Lawrence, Holyoke High, Morgan, and Sullivan.

### Food Safety:

Our staff work daily to ensure the safety of the food that is served to our students. By following proper HACCP and Covid-19 Protocols. Please click the link below to access our food safety video that demonstrates our food service commitment to safety.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yT4IYkuZpNk>

### New Lunch Menu Items

In December 2020 we added menu items our students and families had been requesting. Some of the menu items featured were: Pernil al Horno, Sazon Shredded Chicken Sandwich, Pavo al Horno, Habichuelas Guisadas, and Arroz con Habichuelas.



### Student Focus Groups

Student Focus Groups were conducted in December and February to receive honest student feedback about foodservice. All meal periods and service models were discussed with students, specifically focusing on Lunch and Dinner menus. The new Lunch menu items listed above were a fan favorite. The Dinner feedback received enabled us to make significant changes to our menus reflecting optimal dinner choices. Some of these changes include: adding re-heatable meals and student favorite entrees.

### Home Delivery Service

During these difficult times, we understand some families may have a challenge with getting the necessary food they need to their homes. Sodexo and Holyoke Public Schools have continued their partnership with Van Pool to bring the food to their homes. This remains successful as we have increased our deliveries to 353 students throughout the city. Starting 3/15/2021 we are adding Snack and Dinner service to these deliveries.