

Food Services

Reports to *Planning & Accountability Executive Director*

Our demographics

Director: Mary Thompson

Years in position: 22

In district: 31

In education: 31

Staff: Jane Gibson, Administrative Assistant

Field Managers – Kathy Bennett and Johnna Smith

Cafeteria Managers, 19

Location: 300 South Catawba Street, Lancaster, SC

Our focus

Our department focuses on the nutritional integrity of the school food service program in the schools of Lancaster County. We strive to provide students with nutritious and healthy meals everyday at a reasonable cost.

Our functions

- Serve 19 schools with self-contained kitchens
- Provide Alternative school meals from one of our elementary schools
- Feed an average of 2,340 students for breakfast and 7,461 students for lunch
- Employ 130 full and part-time employees
- Process and maintain free and reduced meal applications for all the schools
- Order food and supplies for all the cafeterias
- Secure bids for cooking and prepping equipment
- Serve as a vendor to the Early Headstart and Headstart programs that are housed in one of our schools
- Prepare budget for 19 schools plus Food Service Department
- Pay invoices for 19 school cafeterias

Our department strengths

- Strive to stay within our budget and maintain affordable lunch prices
- Provide training opportunities for all employees
- Work as a team
- Computerize all free and reduced meal applications; family application system in place
- Put computer point-of-sale systems in all the cafeterias