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2025-2026 Child Nutrition Year in Review

A Recap of Service, Support, and Student Success

As we reflect on the 2025–2026 school year, we are proud to share highlights of the incredible work accomplished by our Child Nutrition team. Throughout the year, our department remained committed to supporting student success by providing nutritious meals and dependable service across the district.

During the school day alone, we proudly served more than 1 MILLION MEALS through:

- 🍎 Daily breakfast and lunch programs
- 📚 Breakfast in the Classroom at Hewitt and Castleman Creek
- 🎒 Sack lunches prepared for field trips
- ★ After-school snack programs

The following presentation highlights key accomplishments, initiatives, and successes from the year as we continued serving students both inside and outside the cafeteria.

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When employees feel connected to their work and valued, they perform better, stay motivated, and help build a stronger team. Prioritizing engagement leads to better results, happier teams, and a more successful efforts.

Engagement Activities:

They say if you enjoy what you do, you will never work a day in your life!

And our team proves it – from sizzling fajitas at **Lunch with the Bosses**, to celebrating our heroes on **School Lunch Hero Day**, to tearing into a 3,000-sqft saran wrap Christmas ball.

We make fun part of the job because our Midway Child Nutrition team deserves to feel celebrated.



EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

Developing Leaders, Elevating the Student Experience

Our commitment to Management Excellence

We believe that an engaged, knowledgeable, and empowered management team directly enhances the student dining experience and strengthens operational success across every campus.

Building Strong Leaders Through Training & Support

Investing in Our People

- Prioritizing promotion from within to build future leaders
- Equipping managers with practical tools, coaching, and resources to succeed

Consistent Leadership Development

- Monthly manager meetings focused on collaboration, communication, and operational excellence
- Monthly leadership development topics designed to strengthen management skills and confidence
- One-on-one, hands-on training and mentoring for new managers

Empowering Ownership & Accountability

- Encouraging managers to take ownership of their cafeterias through empowerment and leadership development
- Creating a supportive culture focused on growth, accountability, and success

CHILD NUTRITION MANAGERS

Engaged students are healthier, happier, and more ready to learn. Through fresh meals, welcoming environments, and student-centered programs, we are eager to power potential and create positive school experiences. Prioritizing engagement helps build stronger connections and supports student success.

- Culinary Stars - This rockstar team represented Midway proudly at the State Aramark Culinary Star competition.
- This turkey-loving family enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving meal.



STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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Student Engagement & Nutrition Education

Our Child Nutrition Department is committed to engaging students through interactive, hands-on learning opportunities that promote healthy lifestyles and lifelong nutrition habits. We partner with classrooms, after-school events such as STREAM Night, and summer learning programs to provide fun and educational experiences for students of all ages.

Programs and activities include:

- Nutrition education and healthy eating habits
- Hands-on food preparation and basic knife skills training
- Interactive meal prep demonstrations and tastings
- Classroom collaboration with teachers to support curriculum-based learning objectives

By connecting nutrition with academics and real-world life skills, we strive to make learning meaningful, engaging, and memorable for every student.



STUDENT NUTRITION LESSONS

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Tasty Adventures in Learning

Creative and unique experiences for students burst far beyond the traditional classroom and straight into the world of imagination.

Midway's Child Nutrition program turns everyday moments into hands-on adventures that spark curiosity, joy, and a whole lot of delicious fun.

From baking edible-flower cookies with Girl Scouts to crafting edible STREAM-Night jewelry and building yummy yogurt parfaits with 4th graders, these playful activities ignite creativity, boost confidence, and make every lesson feel like a joyful discovery.



UNIQUE STUDENT EXPERIENCES

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Student ViewPoint Results

School Name	Satisfaction Rating					
	Avg	Max	# Max	Min	# Min	Avg (Spring 25)
Castleman Creek Middle School	4.0	8	2	1	1	5.8
Chapel Park Elementary	6.8	9	1	4	1	6.0
Hewitt Elementary	5.2	10	1	1	1	5.8
Midway High School	5.9	10	1	1	4	5.2
Midway Middle School	4.9	10	1	1	7	5.0
Park Hill Elementary	5.6	8	1	1	1	6.7
River Valley Middle School	6.1	10	1	2	1	5.6
South Bosque Elementary	6.0	10	3	1	1	5.8
Speegleville Elementary	7.3	8	2	6	1	7.0
Spring Valley Elementary	6.7	9	1	3	1	7.0
Woodway Elementary	6.2	10	2	1	1	6.2
Total	5.7	10	9	1	16	5.5

Ai Summary

top requested items by grade level

Elementary (K-5): Students frequently request **better quality ingredients and healthier options**, including **more fresh fruit and vegetables** and kid-friendly favorites such as **beef nachos, hamburgers, grilled chicken, chicken nuggets, burritos, pancakes, waffles, macaroni and cheese, mini pizzas, and chili dogs** 1.

Middle (6-8): Feedback emphasizes **greater variety, healthier/non-processed choices, and cultural options**, with specific interest in **Japanese items, orange chicken, chicken wings, chicken fried rice, salads, macaroni and cheese, yogurt parfaits, and more fruit** 1.

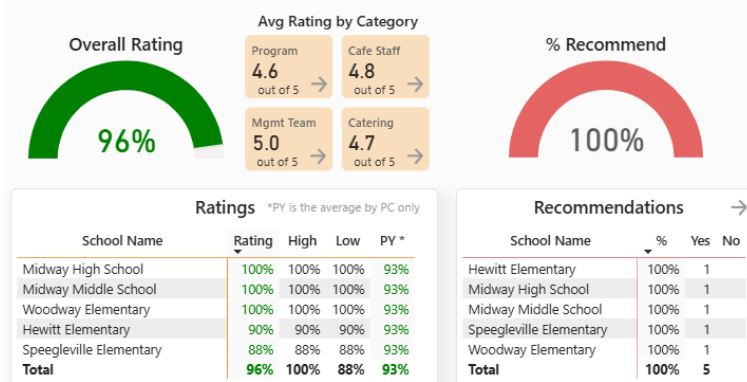
High (9-12): Students highlight the need for **higher quality, better-tasting and less processed foods**, along with **more fresh fruits/vegetables and quality proteins**; popular specific items include **spicy chicken sandwiches, fries, pork riblet sandwiches, grilled fish, soups, and additional Mexican and Mediterranean-style options** 1.

Immediate Changes

Grade Level	Lun Days / Week	Menu Choices	Service Speed	Communication	Availability	Dietary Needs	Service	None
High (9-12)	3.2	55%	33%	22%		16%	9%	17%
Middle (6-8)	3.4	65%	29%	31%		8%	10%	14%
Elementary (K-5)	3.0	58%	8%	12%		12%	3%	21%
Total	3.2	60%	24%	22%		12%	7%	17%

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Principal Survey Results



Recommend Reason

Aramark has been a great partner to our school, always providing tasty, healthy meals and friendly service our students enjoy. We really appreciate Aramark's team for their hard work and positive attitude—they help make our school a better place every day.

Excellent service for our campus

I have always had a good experience with the staff and food.

I have been happy with service and communication.

I love our cafeteria manager Mrs. Cheryl, our cafeteria staff and our Aramark District employees. They have all been so helpful and willing to work with us. Hewitt cafeteria ladies are the best. We absolutely love them.



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Thank you for our continued partnership!

We are MIDWAY!



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