

2025-2026 Becker Public Schools Nutrition and Wellness Report

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Thank you for the opportunity to share what we've been doing in the Food Service Department. We know how important school breakfast and lunch is for children and we in the food service department strive to provide our students with a variety of healthful, appealing, and nourishing foods.

School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program

All children are eligible for a free breakfast and lunch each day. The program has saved Becker families \$817 per student per year. (Based on a full priced breakfast at \$1.70 and lunch at \$3.05 for 172 days.)

As shown in the table below, Becker Public Schools has great meal participation rates!

Student Participation Rates:

Lunch	2025-2026		Breakfast	2025-2026
Primary School	88%		Primary School	92%
Intermediate School	87%		Intermediate School	56%
Middle School	83%		Middle School	42%
High School	75%		High School	51%

Wellness Committee

- The committee has representation from all four school buildings and includes teaching staff, administration, nursing and food service.
- Wellness projects and initiatives included: Fall "Thankful" trees, surprise staff Coffee/Hot Chocolate Treat, Wellness BINGO, and Kindness Cards painted by Early Education students.

Department Highlights

- Total Breakfast Meals Served: 267,553
- Total Lunch Meals Served: 355,872. *The next highest annual meal count I could find in my files was the 2012/2013 school year in which we served 337,877 lunches.*
- Total Ala Carte Sales: \$173,481.7
- MN grown or raised foods on the menu this year included: apples, pears, peppers, sweet corn, baby red potatoes, tomatoes, ground beef, wild rice, greens, onions, asparagus, beef hot dogs, cucumbers, refrigerator pickles, and delicata squash.
- Bulk milk service at the middle school diverted approximately **16,000** milk cartons from the landfill (September–December).
- Farm to School by the numbers 1,140 ears of corn shucked. 6 beef cattle harvested. ~10,000 apples served.
- At least \$50,000 of MN grown or raised foods purchased this school year so far.
- Becker received "Silver Squash Honors" from MN Dept of Ag's Cream of the Crop awards for our Farm to School efforts.
- Walk-in freezers added to the Intermediate and Middle school kitchen spaces.
- 4,631 Grab and Go Meals taken during pilot year at MS/HS (reimbursable and free to students).

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Respectfully Submitted,

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