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After audit, OSPI compliments Food & Nutrition Services for great work *No surprise from a team passionate about nutritious food tasting good*



Every three years the Food & Nutrition Services program is reviewed by Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the state agency. They review economy, efficiency and effectiveness in our school kitchens, as well as how school kitchens prevent waste and abuse.

"They look in depth at our recipes, our menus, our program compliance and they review over 500 of our meal applications," said Food and Nutrition Director

Joanna Peeler. "They also visit breakfast, lunch and other programs we operate at several of our schools."

OSPI representatives visited Jefferson and Hawthorne elementary schools, and Everett and Jackson high schools.

"Along with the review of our efficiency and effectiveness in school kitchens, they ensure that our ingredients, recipes and menus meet the meal requirements for each age/grade group," said Shelly Lubahn, food and nutrition supervisor.

"These requirements include every student being offered the choice of whole grains, proteins, fruits, vegetables and milk at lunch. Also every vegetable sub group—red/orange, dark green, starchy, legumes, and other—are offered at each meal. All calorie, fat and sodium guidelines are met.

"The reviewers left with compliments for all the great work that is being done in our schools. We are proud we provide a variety of nutritious meals daily to our students. We pride ourselves on the scratch cooking that takes place in each of our kitchens."

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OSPI reviewers commented,

"The staff at each of the schools were well-trained, knowledgeable of the requirements and had a good rapport with the students."

"The staff at Henry M Jackson did a great job of getting many students through the lunch line in a short period of time."

"The district uses an electronic professional development tool. It is also utilized by Food Service to track professional standards, which works seamlessly. The Food Service Department provides a lot of training opportunities for staff to meet requirements."

"Everett School District Food Services does an excellent job of offering multiple programs outside of the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. The programs are successful and have high participation rates. This speaks volume to the Food Service Department's dedication to the students of the Everett School District."

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