Stronger

Foundations

Partnerships that help your students soar and your learning community thrive.

Food | Nutrition | Buildings | Grounds
Working Together

With more than 50 million public school students in the U.S. connected with schools each weekday, we understand that your job of preparing students for lifetimes of achievement, fulfillment, and wellness can be as challenging as it is rewarding. It’s important work, and it’s not easy.

We’re here to help.

We share your commitment to supporting student health and achievement, and our job is to enable you and your teams to do it more effectively and efficiently. Together, we make it easier for you to deliver on the promises you make to students, their families, and your community.

We’ll work side by side to serve meals and snacks that students want to eat, with exceptional flavors and high-quality food that increases participation. We’ll maintain clean, safe, and well-lit learning environments that set the stage for students to explore ideas and thrive at their own pace. And we’ll establish and enhance these essential elements of strong, healthy learning communities while ensuring regulatory compliance and stewardship of taxpayer resources along the way.

Learn How We Can Help You

Trust is a Must

Our comprehensive K-12 food and nutrition services, buildings, and grounds are developed with your students, families, and staff in mind. And in everything we do with you, our goal is to continuously earn your trust while helping you grow their trust as well.
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You work hard to give your students the best chance to succeed. So do we. It’s our passion. Allowing us to help take care of the daily management of food and nutrition services, buildings and grounds, gives you more freedom to focus on your mission. Here are some of the ways we can help.

Enjoyable & Nutritious Food Experiences
Tasty food with globally inspired ingredients that students want to eat. Well-rounded nutrition delivered, building a foundation for a lifetime of well-being and productive community involvement.

Safety, Health & Well-being
Solutions to ensure a safe, healthy, and confident school experience. Maintaining an environment that enables present, engaged students, teachers, and staff.

Convenience Extended Experiences
Convenient, essential food options and lifestyle initiatives that support students and extend access to resources and proper nutrition wherever they learn.

Solutions to Fight Food Insecurity
Initiatives to end nutritional barriers to student success. Ensuring students are well fed no matter their social or economic environment.

Digital Engagement
Digital and technology-driven ordering, social engagement and analytics.

Enablers
Technology/Digital Enablement
Analytics + Data-Driven insights
Diversity, Equity + Inclusion
Our Team (Breadth + Depth of Experience)
Supply Chain Certainty
Local + Regional Partnerships

Lifelong Health & Wellness
- Age-Tailored Solutions (Elementary, Middle, High)
- Family Nutrition Support
- Nutrition + Wellness Education

Access to Healthy Meals
- Daily Options
  - Breakfast
  - Snack
  - Lunch
- Summer Programs
- Emergency Feeding

Culinary Experience
- Worlds of Bold Flavors
- Wellness-Minded with Dietitian Support
- Plant-Forward
- Trendy + Hip Environments

Buildings & Grounds Care
- Disinfection + Cleaning
- Landscaping + Grounds
- Building + Operations Maintenance

Planning & Environmental Wellness
- Planning
  - Physical Distancing
  - Contactless
  - Waste Reduction

Social & Emotional Health
- Wellness Committees
- Facilities Committees
- Programming for Student + Community Engagement

Food Safety
- Customer Service, Allergen + Special Diet Training
  - HACCP + ServSafe Experts
- State + Regional Support Teams

Food Markets + Convenience
- Convenience Store with Reimbursable Meals
  - Health + Wellness Products

On-the-Go and Retail
- Grab-and-Go
- Prepared Meals
- Food + Snack Boxes

Extended Food Experiences
- District-Wide Pop-Ups
  - Event + Catering Services

School Store

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Convenience-Based Takeaway
- Second-Chance Breakfast
- Supper Programs
- Weekend Meals

Food Insecurity Initiatives
- Sodexo Foundation
- Backpack Programs
- Food Pantries

Emergency Feeding
- Mobile Kitchens

Digital Ordering App (So Happy)
- Digital Ordering
- Pre-Ordered Meals
- Social Outreach + Communication
- Mobile Engagement + Instant Feedback (myDtxt)

Website Solutions (SodexoMyWay)

Wellness Tech
- Fitness App

In-School Screens

Analytics
- Data-Driven Health, Food, Participation + Menu Optimization

Analytics + Data-Driven Insights

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Always Strive To Thrive

What does thrive look like for your learning community? We can help your schools thrive by making it possible for more students to eat more meals more frequently, regardless of their circumstances.

Students who are nourished are students who are present—they are less likely to be absent, more likely to have a positive outlook, and are able to engage. And because dependable school programs are foundational for student success, we’ll find ways to optimize budgets and resources so they’re self-sustaining moving forward. No matter how you define thriving, we can provide the services, support, and reliable value you need to make it happen—even as situations, expectations, and requirements change over time.

High-Impact Dedication
Like you, we are wholeheartedly dedicated to positively impacting the lives of students, inside and outside of school. We believe deeply in food equity, maintaining healthy learning environments, and inspiring students and staff to be the very best they can be.

Wide-Angle Wisdom
Because our nearly 15k employees serve over 2M meals a day to students in 450 districts across the country we know how to bring big-picture, systemic solutions to the challenges your district faces every day.

“Sodexo helps our school district reduce operating costs and enhance the learning environment through attention to details like better employee training for our people, and expertise in nutrition and facilities management.”

- Dr. Stephen Kleinsmith, Retired Superintendent, Nixa Public Schools and 2018 Missouri Superintendent of the Year
Nurturing Their Potential

What’s better than seeing students shine brightly in school? Watching students share their light with the world. At the end of the day, that’s what it’s all about.

Together, we go beyond preparing and serving meals in a welcoming environment. We’re preparing students to serve their communities—to make a difference in their own special ways. And we do it by creating enjoyable food experiences that nourish the bodies, minds, and souls of tomorrow’s leaders. Additionally, it enables schools to provide nurturing learning environments that facilitate engagement and achievement.

Close the Gaps
Gaps in school nutrition can negatively affect students’ physical, mental, and academic development. Missed meals today could become missed opportunities later in life.

Lessons for a Lifetime
We offer fun, interactive nutrition education resources and programs that help students develop healthy, lasting eating habits.

Keep them Focused
Create healthy, safe environments that are clean and well-maintained to provide fewer distractions and instill community pride.

In every school we’ve implemented (Sodexo’s Breakfast in the Classroom), we’ve seen our academic performance increase, we’ve seen tardiness go down, we’ve seen attendance go up, we’ve seen behavior issues improve and nurse visits go down.”

- Patrick Roach, Chief Financial and Operations Officer, Springfield Public School District, MA
Our students are happier. More of our students are eating. Last year we were serving 500 meals a day, now we’re serving over 700, because now they like the food.”

- Roberto Sanchez, Principal, Hendry County Public Schools, FL

Think about your favorite foods. Think about how they make you feel—physically, emotionally, and mentally. The right foods do so much more than nourish our bodies; they elevate our daily lives. Healthy, delicious meals can inspire us to try harder and accomplish more. We know that’s what you want for your students too. Our K-12 nutrition programs can turn your school meals into dynamic experiences that students look forward to and actively participate in. With us, you’ll serve up thoughtfully crafted food options that feature global flavors, freshly prepared with nutritious ingredients to keep students coming back day after day.

**Better Food**
- USDA-compliant breakfast, lunch, dinner + snacks
- Culturally responsive menus based on research, trends, and insights
- Freshly prepared foods made with nutritious ingredients
- Farm-to-table programs
- Allergen-safe and special dietary options
- Strong nutritional foundation for student development

**Better Outcomes**
- Boost student participation + food sales
- Improved student health, wellness + academic achievement
- Decreased food waste
- Ingredient cost savings
- Increased government reimbursements
Every student deserves consistent access to nutrition that fuels academic achievement and personal wellness. We know you’d drive door-to-door delivering meals if you could. Our food equity resources support your ongoing efforts by helping you make it easier for students to get the food they need, when and where they need it. We will work with you to understand your district’s specific food access challenges and develop customized programs to overcome them.

**Personalized Food Equity Programs**
- Outreach and engagement to enroll families eligible for free and reduced meals
- Flexible serving approaches to boost participation
  - Second-chance breakfast carts
  - Edible gardens
  - Food pantries
  - Boxed meals + backpack programs
  - Technology + logistics support to enhance service
- Inclusive marketing + menus to make every child in every neighborhood feel welcome

**Did You Know?**
More than 50% U.S. students qualify for free or reduced-cost meals, receiving the majority of their daily calories at school.
Prior to Sodexo we were throwing away 75% of the food we prepared per day. Last year, we went from planning employee cuts, to serving 4000+ more lunches each week and hiring 30 more people this year.”

- Paul Puletti, Former Superintendent, Hendry County Public Schools, FL

Optimize Operational Efficiency & Save Money

In a perfect world, money would be no object and students would always have access to excellent nutrition and supportive learning environments.

In the real world, you do your best for them with what you have. When you partner with us, you get more than trusted teammates. You get access to Sodexo’s secure supply chain, unrivaled economies of scale, and proven operational systems that enhance everything from cost savings on food and materials to sustainability and staff productivity. And you can rely on us to provide budget-balancing value while meeting all USDA nutritional requirements with foods your students love. As a result, participation steadily increases and you don’t miss out on program reimbursements.

It All Adds Up
With solutions to cost-effectively manage your nutrition programs, buildings and grounds, you can direct more of your general fund into classroom and student learning resources.
People—your people—are the heart of our mission. Everything we do with you is done to improve the quality of learning experiences and by extension, quality of life. Your students and staff, their families, and your district stakeholders ... they provide the spirit that transforms collections of buildings and programs into a vibrant learning community.

We help you nurture that spirit by furthering student achievement and instilling pride that will radiate in your schools and beyond for years to come. And because it takes a strong team to keep your community strong, we always focus on job retention, creation, and local sourcing—prioritizing the well-being and opportunities of your staff while bolstering your local economy.

Where Hope Thrives
Our person-centered buildings and grounds services proactively and cost-effectively maintain your district’s facilities so they look great and operate efficiently. Our goal is to give your students and staff safe, comfortable homes for learning where they can dream big, do great things, and cultivate hope and health.

From the first day working with Sodexo, they have aligned their goals to support the district’s strategic plan. Our partnership began with food and quickly grew to include custodial services. It has been so successful that we added maintenance and grounds maintenance to the partnership.”

- Mike Schofield, Former Business Manager, Forest Grove School District, OR
Your schools are more than learning institutions. They are essential community hubs where generations of local residents come together to share experiences and deepen roots.

Just as what happens inside your learning community ripples out into the surrounding areas, what happens outside can affect you and your operations, too. No matter what comes your way, you can always count on us. We’re up to the test. We’ll stand beside you with a powerful partnership that continually adapts to conquer evolving challenges—ensuring your schools are always positioned to succeed today and thrive tomorrow.

There When it Matters Most
During the unprecedented disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic, we’ve served over 153 million meals in 2020 by working with our K-12 partners to adapt operations, feeding students, and communities during hybrid and virtual instruction.

Want More Perspective on Being Partners?
We understand that the decision to contract school food and facilities management services takes careful consideration. After all, there are many factors to consider—the best interests of your students and staff, the economic and cultural impacts on your community, and of course, there are always financial issues to think about. If you would like to talk more about what a partnership with Sodexo is all about, feel free to reach out. We’re happy to provide any information or advice you need to help weigh your options and opportunities.
Sodexo is a leader in helping K-12 education professionals build stronger, healthier learning communities by elevating student performance, well-being, and participation through equitable access and partnerships that put people and communities first.

Let’s Work Together
We’d love to help you create strong foundations for your students, staff, and community! Give us a call or contact us to find out how.

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