

Values-Aligned Procurement Goals Guide for K-12

Districts

Food & Nutrition Services Procurement Goals

Instructions:

Below is an example of procurement goals related to purchasing local and values-aligned foods. Department procurement goals should speak broadly to the department's vision and support its actualization. These goals can empower the department's food buyers and key decision-makers to purchase the highest quality foods based on the department's vision. To make each goal actionable and measurable, we recommend setting completion dates for each goal. Demonstrate the department's values and pioneering initiatives to the school board, community, staff, and potential vendors by sharing these goals and achievements with the broader school community. To create a document to share with key stakeholders, cut and paste these goals into a new document, customize each statement to meet your department's vision, and include your district's or department's letterhead.

1. Increase procurement of local foods to 5% in SY 24/25.

EXPLANATION: Currently the District sources an estimated 5% of our food, including some produce, proteins, and dairy, from local sources such as area farmers and community-based businesses. The District hopes to increase this to 25% by the end of next school year.

2. Menu no less than 10 certified organic food items in SY 24/25.

EXPLANATION: At this time the District does not buy organic foods. Certified organic is a production system that supports the health of the soil, ecosystem, and students by eliminating the use of toxic chemicals in food production. The District hopes to increase the number of organic items on our menus from 0 to 10 by the end of next school year.

3. Onboard 5 new local farmers/vendors in SY24/25.

EXPLANATION: The majority of local foods purchased by the District come from our prime vendor and the DoD Fresh program. The District would like to diversify our sources of local foods to include buying directly from area farmers, food hubs, and community-based businesses so that the District might access a greater variety of local foods and establish a stable local supply chain.

- 4. Work with vendors to reduce packaging waste from purchased foods and switch from single/serve items to bulk items, reusable containers, and more recyclable containers in SY 24/25.**

EXPLANATION: The District seeks to reduce waste in all aspects of our business operations. District procurement officers will work with vendors to implement waste reduction strategies as they relate to individually wrapped foods and commercially packaged goods.

- 5. Work with the Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) committee to include our Food Standards as part of the LSWP during the next Triennial Assessment process.**

EXPLANATION: During the next Triennial Assessment of the Local Wellness Policy request that the Food Standards of the Food & Nutrition Department be included in the LSWP.

The definition of local used by the Food & Nutrition Service Department is food that is grown or and/or manufactured within a [xxx-mile] radius of our District Office [include address here].

The definition of a family farm used by the Food & Nutrition Service Department is a farm that is operated by the person who owns or leases long-term the land being cultivated, who can make decisions about how that land is managed, and where a majority of their livelihood is derived from the act of farming and/or raising animals on this farm [feel free to change as needed].

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