

Child Nutrition Above & Beyond Award

Purpose: To recognize Child Nutrition Staff for efforts that exceed the expectations of their job. This “Above and Beyond” effort is in line with our Child Nutrition Promise and has had a positive impact on the staff member’s site and/or department. The thought behind drawing attention to the award and criteria is that it will focus staff on the daily activities that impact the department in significant ways.



Nomination: Any staff member may be nominated at any time. Because the intent is to recognize “Above and Beyond” efforts, the caliber of nominations should be higher than Kitchen Kudos. Our intent is to have a link on our website to a nomination form that will allow individuals outside our department to nominate staff and internal staff. This is in the process of being approved by the Communications department. Nominations will be reviewed and award winners selected by the Steering Committee. Each recipient will be presented with an Above & Beyond Award on-site by one or more members of the Leadership team which can be hung on the wall for special recognition. There is no maximum or a minimum number of awards to be given each year.

Sample Award Criteria:

- Has gone above and beyond to demonstrate to students and/or staff that providing nutritious, high quality and appealing meals are our #1 priority.
- Has submitted a recipe to CN district staff that has been approved and served on the menu.
- Has improved on a process that has resulted in improved safety and fewer mishaps in the kitchen.
- Has worked to foster a culture of teamwork and good working relationships within the site cafeteria, school and/or district.
- Has developed a new process or tracking tool that has resulted in improved communication, increased efficiency, decreased food waste, increased meal participation, or less paper usage. (for example: removal of red bags, share cart)
- Has provided training and support to staff and co-workers that goes above and beyond what is expected.