

Lunchroom Atmosphere

Attractive, healthful food posters are displayed in dining and service areas.

“Choose colorful, neat images and words that encourage students to try, select, and enjoy the healthy food options that make up a reimbursable meal.”

Tips:

- Hang appealing, age-appropriate signage in high-traffic areas where students can read them from 5+ feet away.
- Use paint safe materials to hang posters, like command strips.
- Inexpensive signs are available online:

SLM Kit Posters

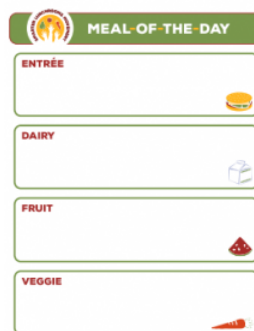


A menu board with today's featured meal options with creative names is readable from 5 feet away.

“The menu board is the school lunch's “cover.” A stylish, neat, colorful, appealing menu board communicates that the food is also appealing.”

Suggested Materials:

- Meal of the Day sign
- Frame or board
- Dry erase markers



Clear Flyer Board



Chalk Sandwich Board



Poster board



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There is a clear traffic pattern. Signs, floor decals, or rope lines are used.

“An orderly traffic pattern is an important quality of a stress-free lunchroom and highlights that the cafeteria is a safe, controlled environment.”

Suggested Materials:

- Use signs, floor decals, or rope lines to make it crystal clear where to enter and exit the lines.
- SLM Poster Kit: foot print decals.

* May require support from janitorial/maintenance staff.

The lunchroom is branded and decorated in a way that reflects the student body.

“Make your lunchroom a place where students want to be!

Branding the lunchroom to reflect the student body makes students feel like it’s their space and fosters a sense of community within the school.”

Tips:

- Use school colors on signage.
- Hang student artwork.
- Give bulletin board space to the student council or other school groups.
- Post school awards and recognitions.

