



CHEFS IN SCHOOLS

Chefs in Schools Collaborative will help school service staff serve fresh local foods to Kentucky students.

Under the Chefs in Schools Collaborative, professional chefs and culinarians will educate school food service personnel on how to incorporate fresh local foods in their menus. KDA Chefs will provide this service through recipe and menu development, knife skills and proper handling of fresh local foods, as well as conducting taste testing of new menu items with students and staff. Introducing new fresh local products will also open doors to building relationships with local farmers, allowing students to understand where their food comes from and the importance of supporting local growers as part of rural economic development.

What does this mean for Food Service Directors?

The Chefs in Schools team will observe your staff to determine what is needed for your team, KDA Chef's will develop training based on these needs. Training will take place at your schools and will include hands-on instruction for FSD's and their staff. Further assistance can be provided virtually through Teams to keep everyone on track or KDA Chef are always available to make another visit.

The Chefs in Schools Collaborative will educate School Food Service personnel on:

- Knife Skills
- Kitchen Safety and Sanitation
- Recipe and Menu development per USDA guidelines for schools
- Equipment use and maintenance
- Proper handling of fresh local foods
- Taste-testing with Students and Staff
- Presentation

The program aims to reach all Kentucky schools participating in the National School Lunch Program, increase support of the Farm to School movement, and reduce hunger in Kentucky.

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