The Duval County Public Schools Nutrition Program was excited to welcome students back to school this month! Some highlights from back to school include:

Free Meals for All District Students

The district will continue to serve meals at no cost to all students for the 2023-2024 school year through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). Another year of free meals means we can offer even better chef-inspired menus with more variety and exciting options.



Fresh Salads Offered Daily

A fresh salad is offered every day on our middle and high school menus, and the organic lettuce is sustainably grown right here in Jacksonville at two local hydroponic farms — Native Fresh and City Lights. Once harvested, the lettuce is delivered to our Nutrition Service Center, where it is made into delicious, ready-to-eat, farm-fresh salads with a retail look.

High School Menus Get a Concept Makeover

Three new concepts were added to our high school lunch menus this August, including:

- Revolution Noodle Noodle and pasta dishes featuring authentic broths and sauces
- Roost Downright tasty chicken meals
- Sono Latin American-inspired favorites

Read the <u>featured article</u> on our website.

Global Eats Program Taking Flight Soon

Developed by Chartwells chefs and dietitians with input from students, Global Eats turns food into a worldwide adventure and encourages students to eat together, tasting new foods and flavors while learning about different cultures.

Students want more choices and more independence, so through our Global Eats program, we can expand meal choices and variety to include globally inspired items for students to explore new foods and connect with other cultures. Featured destinations include Mexico, Italy, India and China.

In addition to introducing new menu items, Global Eats features chef demonstrations, tastings, activities and giveaways that are sure to excite!