

# Choosing a Service Model

Below are questions to consider when deciding which service model is right for your charter school:

## Operations

- What **meal programs** would you like to offer? Breakfast, Lunch, Snack, Special Milk, Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program.
- What does your **facility** look like? Can you prepare meals out of the space, or do you need to bring food in.
- Do you have the **equipment** needed to accommodate cooking from scratch versus hot holding or cold holding vended food?
- Will you do any **wellness initiatives** other than what is required?
- Do you have the proper **power** to accommodate commercial equipment? If not, what will that upgrade cost?
- Where** will you serve your meals?
- Do you have power and **internet** for your point of sale computer? Will you need wireless service?
- How many students** will participate? The more students the more staff you will need to move the line quickly.

## Funding

- What **start up costs** will you have? Equipment, Point of Sale software, facility upgrades, etc.
- Will you be including **labor cost** in the price per meal or will you separate the two?
- Will you allow students to charge meals? If so, how negative will you allow students to go? What will your **unpaid balance policy** be?
- Is your school prepared to **subsidize** with the general fund if your Nutrition Account is negative?

## Staffing

- Do you have the **staff and administrative support** needed to have a successful nutrition program?
- Who will be responsible for **administrative duties**?
- Will the janitor help with **cleaning and removing trash**?
- Who** will serve and run the point of sale computer at the end of the line? Do you need to hire someone?
- If you are going to prepare food on site, do you have **staff who are knowledgeable** about cooking, food safety, and using commercial equipment?

As your School Food Authority, CSI is here to help! Call or email our School Nutrition Manager for a free consultation at (720)765-2981 or lleneAgustin@csi.state.co.us.

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