



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Long Branch Public Schools

540 Broadway, Long Branch, New Jersey 07740

"Together We Can, Juntos Nós Podemos, Juntos Podemos"

FOOD SERVICE OVERVIEW

Our Food service program is committed to providing and promoting locally grown foods throughout our district. We provide locally grown food samples on a monthly basis to students during lunch time. Long Branch purchases local foods through the USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Our efforts to provide the most nutritious foods to our students along with food education and awareness has been recognized at both the national and local level.

The Long Branch Public Schools continues to have policies in place for supporting healthy food choices. In 2010, we removed all from schools and only allow healthy choice snacks for fundraisers, as well as classroom events, like Halloween and Birthdays.

The Long Branch Schools contracts with Sodexo Food Services for our food programs across the district. The staff at Sodexo are committed to promoting good nutrition and getting students familiar with the path that food takes from the field to the table. Sodexo food Service monthly activities include:

- [Educating our student population through monthly newsletters](#)
- Promoting and serving Fresh locally grown Fruits & Vegetables
- Theme day in all schools during lunch
- Health nutrition classes in classrooms
- Taste testing in all schools during lunch
- After school health fair

Long Branch Public School's Nutrition Partner, Sodexo Food Services, has promoted healthy food choices in classrooms and out of classrooms. One of Sodexo's most popular programs in partnership with the Long Branch Public schools is the Top Chef Challenge. The event which also includes locally sourced ingredients, involves our talented aspiring student chefs putting their cooking skills to the test, while providing healthy food selections that are judged by local culinary professionals and awarded prizes and recognition for their efforts.

The Long Branch Public Schools and Sodexo Food Services are committed and proud to provide and promote locally grown foods across to our student population.

