

F.1. Communication Standard: ability to effectively listen and communicate (written and verbal) with a diverse audience including students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community

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Collect and share information in a professional and efficient manner.	Manage information important to creating a safe learning environment.	Be responsible for critical worksite/district communications. ^L
 provide general information to students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors, and community regarding National School Nutrition requirements 	 assist supervisor or designee in handling interruptions, asking clarifying questions to determine immediacy of need 	call for assistance, as needed, giving clear details about medical, security, or other emergencies
 understand and follow oral and written directions necessary for the functioning of the cafeteria (e.g., 	 serve, as appropriate, on staff committees to collect colleagues' input and share decisions and outcomes 	 de-escalate challenging behavior of students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors and community with clear, calm verbal and nonverbal communications
cooking/warming procedures, serving guidelines, cashier duties, etc.)	participate in professional learning concerning effective communication	handle difficult conversations with calm a demeanor
 share accurate information in a timely fashion (e.g., changes in breakfast options, monthly menu via school newsletter, daily menu via morning announcements, etc.) 	 discuss with supervisor regarding emergencies, training needs, missing work, specific task expectations, etc. in a timely manner 	 work collectively with staff to share expectations and deadlines for the completion of large or time-sensitive projects or emergencies (e.g., annual deep clean, kitchen remodeling, grant applications, etc.)
Know expectations and guidelines for communicating in routine, sensitive, and confidential matters. ^{RM}	write emails, texts, and reports as required by job duties that are clear and grammatically correct	 write and compile reports, grant proposals, and other important documents
access and respond to emails, texts, and other required formats	 provide comprehensive and accurate information regarding school nutritional services, sanitation and safety standards, and food allergy precautions, 	 coordinate dissemination of information to students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community regarding food services and cafeteria procedures
 operate the school intercom systems and make announcements in a clear and pleasant voice 	as needed Act as a liaison between school and community when	maintain positive internal communication system between all cafeteria workers
attend required staff meetings and trainingsknow emergency codes and phrases	interacting with and assisting students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community. $^{\rm RM}$	Mentor/coach others in role-alike positions on effective, professional, and culturally responsive communication. ^M
 report factually and promptly any unusual situations or events to supervisor, administration, or designee 	 explain and reinforce school/district expectations for a positive learning environment in the cafeteria 	review written communications for qualities of professionalism, cultural sensitivity, and clarity
	 research and provide comprehensive and accurate information 	 guide mentees' reflection on interactions with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community for
	 facilitate transfer of information between school site/ program and outside agencies and districts (i.e., Health Department) 	positive qualities and possible areas of improvement • train other food service staff in communication
	 use corrective feedback to discourage inappropriate behavior and respect the individual 	 expectations and procedures stay current and share best practices relating to communication strategies
	 know when and how to intervene in escalating situations (e.g., tone of voice, proximity, stance, etc.) 	Recommend areas for improvement in communications. ^L
	use language that reinforces the positive academic	research and suggest software applications/devices
	and social expectations to increase appropriate school behavior	 serve on committee or work group gathered to improve communication quality and processes

L Indicates opportunities for leadership. M Indicates opportunities for mentoring. RM Indicates opportunities for being a role model

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Engage students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community politely and positively.		
 greet students, staff, and visitors in the serving line or at cash register with a smile and pleasant tone 		
 use professional language in all communications (e.g., conversations, email, written correspondence, and public meetings) 		
 listen with empathy to concerns of students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors, and community 		
 share and reinforce expectations for positive school- wide behavior (e.g., be safe in the cafeteria by sitting while eating; be responsible by clearing your table, be respectful by not talking with food in your mouth; etc.) 		
 seek to understand the needs of students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors, and community by asking clarifying questions and paraphrasing responses to confirm understanding of requests 		

F.2. Cultural Competence Standard: ability to examine one's own cultural context, understand cultural contexts of others, and interact across cultural contexts with sensitivity to differences (e.g., economic, race, gender, and disability)

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Recognize differences among and across groups of people.

- identify cultural norms that vary based on race, language, socioeconomic status, country of origin, gender, religion, and other aspects of identity
- aware of systemic, institutional inequities based on race and other differences (e.g., disparity by race/ethnicity and ability/disability in academic achievement and employment)
- understand social construction resulting in stratification of groups of people
- know district policies regarding bullying and harassment/sexual harassment of students and/or staff

Recognize one's reaction to individuals or groups who are different from oneself. $^{\rm RM}$

- aware of personal implicit and explicit biases
- manage personal reactions to difference and expand ability to work with others

Build relationships of mutual respect and seek to understand diverse perspectives.^{RM}

- accept diversity as the normal, and part of working with all students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community effectively
- learn about and respect different racial and cultural backgrounds, customs, ways of communicating, traditions, and values
- o speak clearly and with a friendly, courteous tone

Acknowledge the value of speaking multiple languages.

- learn key phrases in language of students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors, and community
- o post signage, menu, and labels in multiple languages
- use photos or pictograms along with signage, menu, and labels to assist in translation

Understand the value of diversity in a learning environment in order to create opportunities that will include and maximize students' strengths.

- access resources to increase knowledge of how race, ethnicity, and other aspects of diversity intersect
- examine beliefs and attitudes to discern strengths, preferences, and biases of self and others in order to expand understanding of racial and cultural diversity
- recognize the unique combination of cultural variables (e.g., race, language, economics, country of origin, gender, religion, ability/disability, etc.) within the worksite/district/community as assets
- acknowledge power imbalance occurs when one group's identity is established as the norm (e.g., individual can be bullied when another feels empowered to do so)

Understand how one's own culture–all experiences, background, knowledge, skills, beliefs, values, and interests–shapes sense of self, and how one fits into family, school, community, and society and impacts interaction with others.

- reflect on own racial, social class, gender experiences to identify generalized social norms and expectations
- reflect on how worksite/district policies and practices match or are different from own experiences and expectations

Work collaboratively with members of racially and culturally diverse groups. $^{\text{L}}\,$

- use racial consciousness and cross-cultural understanding to communicate effectively
- participate in activities with interracial and cross-cultural groups in school and in the larger community
- provide services attending to the racially and culturally diverse needs of students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community

Identify and address the consequences of inequities based on racial, socioeconomic, gender, disability or other aspects of identity or group membership.^L

- lead racial justice and equity conversations and learning opportunities with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community
- participate in school/district equity activities
- participate on school/district's racial justice and equity teams
- review school/district policies and practices for equity and cultural responsiveness, and recommend changes
- coordinate with public services to develop a backpack program for students with food insecurity
- share effective practices and protocols that support physical and/or social-emotional well-being during interracial and intraracial interactions

Use one's own cultural experiences, background, knowledge, skills, beliefs, and values to mentor/coach students and applicable staff in racial justice and cross-cultural experiences. M, L

- engage in racial and cross-cultural dialogue with students in settings outside the classroom
- process racial and cross-cultural events with mentee(s)

Identify the need for additional cultural competence training and seek those resources.^L

- o access information on racial-identity development
- review factors that affect interactions across racial and cultural groups, including historical experiences and relationships among groups in a local community
- acquire advanced training in facilitating racial equity and cross-cultural dialogue with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community
- increase literacy (i.e., listening, speaking, reading, writing) in additional languages
- understand historical development of access to education by race, class, gender, disability, etc. in the United States

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	Understand the impact of racial and cultural differences in educational and work environments.	
	 recognize impact of own behavior on others regardless of intent, and modify behavior when impact is revealed 	
	 apply cross-cultural communication and sensitivity knowledge (e.g., difference in cultural/religious dress and uniforms required by school nutrition department, religious fasting, ways of showing respect, etc.) 	
	Model cultural competence in interactions with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community. RM	
	• express awareness of own implicit and explicit biases	
	 ask questions to determine if missing perspectives have been sought and included in decisions 	
	 use protocols and skills in cross-cultural and interracial interactions 	

F.3. Organization Standard: ability to prioritize, plan, and execute tasks efficiently and effectively

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Follow procedures for collecting, managing, and	Maintain ready access to information and equipment	Use management tools to prioritize tasks and workload
maintaining information needed for job duties.	necessary for job duties, including notifications and	in advance for efficiency in daily and long-term project
o daily records and reports, as per position	updates.	completion. ^L
portioning standards	food requisitions and inventory	accurate inventory
o safety standards	 school-wide positive reinforcements during interactions with students and staff 	 calendar and apps that track orders and receipt of foods and supplies
health standards	recipes and food preparation techniques	assist in menu planning
equipment operation	• meal records	Analyze systems and procedures for efficiency and
Manage work duties effectively within time	Model efficient and effective workload management.RM	effectiveness, and suggest or implement improvements. ^L
allotted/allocated.	 activities that can be accomplished in-between starting 	• improve methods for food management and preparation
 work as a team to coordinate multiple facets of food service delivery 	and ending cook/reheat times	food waste management
Follow directions and recommended operating procedures for job-related duties.	 clean and tidy up prep area while waiting for food to warm 	Manage administrative, fiscal, and kitchen facility functions responsively. $^{\rm M}$
 hygienic handling and correct storage of all food items, 	replenish utensils and other line items in-between	inventory management
(e.g., first in/first out, shelf life, maintaining clear and	lunch waves	respond to department budget requirements
clean work area, etc.)	 daily, weekly, monthly, and annual cleaning or checking of kitchen equipment 	Manage or lead complex, multifaceted projects related to job duties. ^L
	Work cooperatively with other staff on emergencies and/or the completion of large, complex or time-sensitive projects.	 nutrition education with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community involvement (e.g., Garden
		Club, Farm to School, Wellness Committee, etc.)
	proper care and storage of all foods and supplies	Mentor/coach others in developing or maintaining
	 regularly scheduled deep-cleaning or inventory of freezers and pantry 	organization skills related to job duties. ^M
	Perform maintenance tasks for equipment and information	cleaning procedures
	systems to ensure readiness to complete job duties.	 coordinate on-the-job training to maintain the operation of the kitchen
	assist in cleaning and maintaining equipment	food inventory procedures
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• recognize when supplies are needed

F.4. Reporting Standard: ability to understand the responsibilities of a mandated reporter and what, when, how, and to whom reports should be filed

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Know and follow child safety/welfare laws, reporting policies and procedures, and repercussions of noncompliance (i.e., district, Board, state, federal). • mandated reporting	Recognize signs of neglect/abuse, substance abuse, or self-injury behavior involving students or staff. observe student demeanor and attitude changes over time based on knowledge of student	Participate with administrators and other stakeholders in creating and implementing professional development on reporting requirements for food service and nutrition staff. ^L o collect current reporting requirements
 school expectations for positive behavior, and continuum of responses for unexpected behavior Know and report breaches in student and staff codes of conduct, bullying, harassment, and other policies (e.g., acceptable use). 	 apply understanding of race/cultural competence when reporting concerning behavior to mitigate implicit bias Clarify reporting procedures for others and assist in notifying proper authorities.^M proper use and submission of all forms and documents 	 organize information for presentation Prepare required agency and individual reports and maintain all appropriate records. account for meals served and monies received according to established procedures, either manually or
 all accidents or incidents, as required by school policy and state law bomb threats or other threats of violence student and adult behavior 	 factual reporting using appropriate terminology potential responses to reporting, and of legal obligations and proceedings that follow reporting 	by computer • violations to Health Department or appropriate agencies Mentor/coach others in documentation and reporting protocols. ^M
 identify and report a situation to the proper administrator, and document the situation understand the chain of command for reporting 	Understand and comply with federal, state, and district requirements for meal-reimbursement documentation. o complete reports including meal count, menu plans, orders, deliveries, and inventory	 accidents or incidences at the worksite or during sponsored activities food preparation and inventory
procedures Maintain the necessary documentation for required agency and individual reports. ^{RM}	 documentation of food productions adhere to scheduled meal times plan and order food and supplies required for the menu 	student and adult behavior
 student behavior and incident reports student recognition for positive behavior production sheets 	Represent the school/district in a professional manner when reporting all incidents. ^{RM}	
 health code violations deliveries, equipment, inventory, and regulations 	abide by protocols and confidentiality agreements	
 report equipment failure variances in temperature, and actions taken to correct 		

F.5. Ethics Standard: ability to maintain a high level of ethical behavior, confidentiality, and privacy of any information regarding students, staff, and all job-related matters

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Contribute to the learning environment by nurturing positive ethical and moral practices. [™]	Display ethical and professional behavior in working with everyone who communicates—or is associated—with	Mentor/coach others in ethical conduct. [™]
 be honest in dealing with lost items, reporting, and 	the worksite. ^{RM}	update staff on new procedures and policies
recordkeeping	 be responsible and accountable for individual performance and continually strive to demonstrate 	 lead workshops or webinars on ethical behavior in educational settings
 consider racial and cultural context when making ethical decisions 	competence	Lead others in ethical behavior. ^L
 be responsible for security items such as keys, radios, passcodes 	 use institutional or professional resources and privileges only for job-related duties 	 maintain high level of professional competence and integrity when exercising professional judgment
• use language appropriate to a learning environment	 consider biases in procedures and practices that compromise social justice when making ethical decisions 	 respect the values and traditions of the diverse cultures represented in the school/district and community
maintain high-quality work	• resolve problems and conflicts, including discipline,	identify and report violations to the code of conduct
focus on effective use of time	according to the law and school policy	advocate for change in regulations and statutes when
• use leave time in accordance with school/district policy	deal considerately and justly with students, parents/	such legislation conflicts with ethical guidelines and/or
 exercise self-control, discipline, and integrity 	guardians, staff, visitors, and community	student/employee rights
Know the laws, district policies, and procedures related to ethical behavior and confidentiality.	Maintain professional relationships with students, parents/ guardians, staff, visitors, and community both in and outside the worksite.	 notice when policies, practices, or laws are harmful to individuals, groups, or the community
read and follow Technology Acceptable Use Policy	serve as an individual example of appropriate ethical	 consider the conflict between the value of obeying the law and the value of serving people
 know and use the proper protocol to communicate and address concerns 	conduct	initiate action for social justice
	strive for quality in delivery of services	observe, identify, and explain proper ethical conduct to
read and follow employee code of conduct/handbook	 participate in sense of collective responsibility for high-quality work and services 	students and staff
 maintain confidentiality concerning student and staff information 		• stay informed about current social issues that
Develop relationships with students, parents/guardians,	 respond in a timely manner to feedback about personal performance and adapt accordingly 	differentially affect students, schools, and communities
staff, visitors, and community based on mutual respect both in and outside the worksite.	be conscious of potential discriminatory practices	
know and participate in development of positive school	based on a person's disability, race, gender, cultural background, religion, or sexual orientation	
culture to support a safe, inclusive learning environment	Exercise confidentiality and privacy of any information	
 know and follow protocols for positive engagement with families and community 	regarding students and staff in all job-related matters by following all rules, regulations, and policies.	
	 conduct conversations about students or other confidential matters privately 	
	secure and protect documents from casual viewing	
	inform appropriate personnel of breaches in confidentiality	
	keep details of confidential matters limited to those who need to support and provide service	

F.6. Health & Safety Standard: ability to protect the health and safety of oneself and others by knowing and executing health, safety, and emergency protocols/procedures with fidelity

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Know basic safety, first aid, and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) information as required by job duties.

- Food Services and Health Department regulations
- safe food storage in hazard-free environment
- first aid certification, AED training, and blood-borne pathogen training

Know and fulfill assigned and designated functions during practice and active emergency/evacuation procedures.

- keep emergency plan in easily accessed location
- station oneself at designated location to direct emergency responders
- know procedures for kitchen/electrical fires
- escort and direct students in cafeteria or kitchen at time of emergency
- conduct emergency shutdown of all kitchen and cafeteria equipment

Know worksite rules and policies for student and staff codes of conduct related to safety.^{RM}

- o areas of refuge
- fire drill, evacuations, and lockdown procedures

Make quick and accurate decisions in difficult situations.

- know procedures for person with a knife or firearm
- know procedures for assisting choking or unresponsive student or staff
- call for ambulance/emergency support
- make appropriate staff aware of situation
- know and follow all Health Department regulations

Maintain valid safety and first aid/CPR/AED certificates as required by job duties.

- access refresher materials online annually
- register for first aid, CPR/AED certification classes every two years
- know how to use epinephrine auto-injector for food allergic reactions

Remain current with any new policies/procedures that ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

- high level of cleanliness in accordance with Health Department regulations
- know policies/procedures for reporting food contamination, and other food-related safety concerns
- procedure for reporting accidents in kitchen and cafeteria

Recognize behaviors that students may exhibit during emergency situations.^L

- plan for students who may have a seizure, run away, hide, etc. in response to stressful situations
- implement protocol for students with a history of unpredictable or violent behavior

Display confidence and poise when making judgment calls during emergency drills or events.^{RM}

- use a firm, calm voice and controlled breathing
- use practiced, predetermined phrases for clarity under stress

Honor privacy and exercise confidentiality of all personal information regarding students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community.

share only needed information with emergency or other assisting staff

Participate on safety committees at the school, district, community, and/or state level.^L

- take note of action items
- contribute to discussion based on experience and knowledge of food safety and nutrition

Advocate for positive changes that will improve the health and safety of students and staff.^L

- suggest improvements to food preparation
- coordinate healthy eating campaign with Health and Student Services
- post health and safety reminders in public areas of the building

Know terms and acronyms used by public safety officials, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and local and state emergency preparedness agencies.

 select terms and acronyms* most relevant to school emergencies, learn their meanings, and commit to memory

Respond to and coordinate emergency and disaster drills/incidents.

- participate in mock emergency drills
- practice operation of emergency communication devices
- communicate with administration and staff regarding emergency food situations

Recognize when a student or colleague is experiencing problems (e.g., educational, behavioral, developmental, health, or safety related) in order to prevent escalation/emergency.

- apply knowledge from daily interaction with students
- apply de-escalation skills and procedures

^{*}The FEMA Acronyms, Abbreviations & Terms job aid is housed at fema.gov with a search feature that allows the user to find the meaning of individual acronyms and abbreviations, and lists related to specific areas of disaster management.

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Maintain security and safety with regard to visitors in the building.		Mentor/coach others regarding emergency policies and procedures. ^M
know sign-in procedures and parameters for visitors		evacuation paths and protocols
in the building, (e.g., name badge visible, in permitted areas, observing school expectations, etc.)		procedure for food allergy monitoring
know procedures for stranger in the building/on campus		stranger-in-the-building scenarios
Know food allergies and medical needs of students and staff.		
• procedures for responding to food allergies		
• procedures for cleaning after exposure to allergens		
• signage alerting all to presence of food allergens		
• make appropriate staff aware of allergy incident		

F.7. Technology Standard: ability to use electronic devices to problem solve and complete work-related duties

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Operate computer and/or other digital devices and	Monitor job-related emails routinely. ^{RM}	Research trends/issues pertaining to the job. ^L
platforms required for job duties.	o daily or as directed by supervisor	cleaning/chemical usage
cash register and computer system	Operate advanced settings of maintenance systems and	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in food preparation
food and nutrition-related programs	equipment needed to perform job duties.	and storage areas
online or virtual professional development	o coolers and freezers	food safety
appropriate software for job requirements	• telephone	nutrition/healthy eating guides
• food thermometers	work order tracking	Download specific programs for food preparation and
。 telephone, email, printer, district website, internet, etc.	Use appropriate job-related programs.	maximum nutritional benefit.
Operate standard food-prep equipment.	software to produce weekly menu flyer for posting and	app for tracking food waste
food-prep monitoring devices	sharing electronically	maintenance of equipment schedule
oven, cookers, warmers, etc	web and document searches	food and supply inventory-management program
 scales and portion-control devices 	document, spreadsheet, and report creation	Review and manage data, as needed, for accurate
Input data, as needed, for accurate data management.	input data, as needed, for accurate data management	data analysis.
 input and access personal information (e.g., hours, pay 	(e.g., equipment usage information, meal counts, inventory control)	 track accounting of meals served and monies received, payroll programs, inventory control, etc.
stubs, leave requests, etc.)	Know how to contact Information Technology (IT)	Mentor/coach other kitchen staff to use internet/software
Know worksite's Acceptable Use Policy.	department and report specific issues.	applications safely and independently. ^M
read annually and submit signature page	designated email for reporting	opportunity to answer questions about acceptable use
Know terminology in order to solve common	screen shot of error messages	policy
technology issues.	note clear sequence of events prior to technology issue	new digital control system for ovens
o dialogue box, error message window, etc.	 understand the reporting procedure for misuse of 	• schedule time with mentee to review kitchen equipment
Learn and adopt new technology methods.	technology, cyberbullying, inappropriate images, etc.	operation and maintenance (e.g., cash register, digital thermostat, refrigeration units)
o digital scales, tablet payment methods	and who to refer the situation to	schedule time with mentee to review worksite/district
	Model safe internet and technology use. ^{RM}	Acceptable Use Policy
	responsible social media use	Manage a social media presence. ^L
	know student data privacy rules and/or laws	previews of upcoming menu specials and changes
	• appropriate response to phishing, trolling, spam, etc.	feedback from students, parents/guardians, staff,
		visitors, and community via worksite/district Facebook
		page and/or online platform

F.8. Professionalism Standard: ability to present and conduct oneself in a professional manner in all job settings

Align appearance appropriately to job duties and
Health Department regulations as outlined in handbook

Project a positive image to the community through communication, involvement, and personal conduct.^{RM}

Health Department regulations as outlined in handbook or job description.

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- sturdy footwear
- no jewelry on hands or arms
- o uniform, clean and wrinkle-free
- hair restraint or visor, and gloves

Conduct oneself as an ambassador for school or agency. RM

- model school procedures and expectations
- greet students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community in a dignified, positive manner
- respond to requests for information or assistance promptly
- provide courteous and appropriate information to visitors and guests
- demonstrate honesty and integrity in making decisions
- provide friendly, accurate, and fast service
- appropriate use of language around students

Know the roles and responsibilities of your career field.

- comply with all regulations as defined by the Health Department
- general food preparation and service duties on a regular and as-needed basis
- o cleaning duties outlined in job description
- work independently (e.g., initiate tasks, complete tasks within assigned time frame without prompting)

Work collaboratively with a team.^{RM}

- o acknowledge merits of multiple viewpoints or ideas
- share ideas with and accept ideas of team members
- understand team structures and how to contribute for the best interest of the students

commitment to providing a clean and welcoming environment

Proficient

 communicate clearly and directly with students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community

Maintain emotional control in stressful situations.

- use a firm, calm voice and controlled breathing
- ask clarifying questions

Establish and maintain effective working relationships with others both in and outside of the worksite. $^{\rm RM}$

- understand needs and perspectives of students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community
- seek solutions to identify needs with appropriate staff

Maintain current knowledge of procedures, policies, and laws.^L

- competent use of food preparation/cleaning methods, materials, tools, and equipment
- changes in Nutrition Services
- requirements for maintaining healthy and safe food preparation
- use culturally responsive procedures for engaging students, parents/guardians, staff, visitors, and community when performing work tasks (options for dietary requirements, space for students observing religious fasting, etc.)

Respond appropriately to instruction and feedback.

- develop strategies for continuous improvement
- seek to understand specifics of corrective feedback and how to change behavior or processes to improve

Shift tasks and priorities when necessary.

- o interrupt or reschedule planned tasks as needed
- ask clarifying questions to understand needs and new priorities

Seek or maintain connections with the larger community.^L

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- liaison to the state, county, or municipal public Health Department
- liaison to local food security agency
- vendor or service repair individuals

Engage in the improvement of the profession through active participation in professional organizations.^L

- attend local union meetings
- take on a position in local or state union
- attend food service and nutrition expos or conferences
- monitor trends of student food preferences
- recommend new food items/recipes and equipment needs
- seek resources from the School Nutrition Association (SNA), Multicultural Foodservice & Hospitality Alliance (MFHA), or similar organization

Demonstrate initiative in identifying areas of need and opportunities for improvement.^L

- effective food waste management procedures
- anticipate needs for cleaning or preparing food for different groups or visitors
- healthy eating programs to reflect importance of nutrition for learning and well-being

Seek additional certifications.

- school nutrition certificate
- continuing education units

Mentor/coach others in role-alike positions on professionalism standards.^M

 communicate importance of good nutrition and pleasant eating experience to a positive learning environment