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How Aramark Brings Sustainability to the Washoe County School District

Operating Efficiently

Harmful Emissions Reduction

By investing in newer, more fuel-efficient delivery trucks and optimizing our delivery routes, we achieved a 20% reduction in emissions while lowering fuel consumption by 10% demonstrating measurable progress toward reducing Washoe County School District's carbon footprint.

Sourcing Sustainably

Local Sourcing

We are committed to sustainable sourcing by prioritizing local suppliers for our ingredients. Annually, we purchase 6,250,000 gallons of milk from local Nevada dairies, and 25% of our produce is sourced within 250 miles of the Washoe County School District. This approach reduces transportation emissions, supports regional agriculture, and strengthens our local economy.

Reduce Single Use Plastics

We purchase BPA free, recycled plastic products for use in our production process and 30% of our trays used for the production of elementary meals are paper fiber based.

Minimizing Food Waste

Waste Minimization

60% of Washoe County District schools have implemented 'share' tables, encouraging students to place unwanted, unopened, and untouched food items for other students to enjoy rather than discarding them.

Distribution to the Community

We've established strong processes to partner with local charities, organizations, and food banks to repurpose our surplus of almost out of date foods. For example, during the Davis Fire we donated 180 cases of bananas to fire crews when school closures meant they wouldn't remain fresh for students. Other local organizations that we support are the Food Bank of North Nevada, F.I.S.H., and Catholic Charities Food Bank.

Embedding Circularity

Recycling

By collaborating with nearby partners, we support the local community while minimizing our environmental footprint. Each month we recycle 60-100 wooden pallets (Sierra Pallet), up to 18,000 pounds of cardboard (Green Planet 21), and 1 ton of tin and metal (Western Metals Recycling LLC).

Reduce Single Use Landfill Waste

We have focused on the elimination of single use landfill items such as Styrofoam trays and spork kits at Washoe Schools. This will eliminate 5.7 million Styrofoam trays and 4 million milk straws and plastic wrappers from heading to the landfill each year.

Promoting Planetary Health is Aramark's **TOP** Priority.

"We are proud of our commitment to sustainability and the progress we have made. But, we have more work to do individually, with our suppliers, local community, and the Washoe County School District"

-Dan Pimm

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Understanding Impact

Fueled by the understanding that our day-to-day actions have an impact and our choices have powerful consequences we train our staff on energy and water conservation efficiency techniques, procedures, policies, and ideas.



Harmful Emissions Reduction

By investing in newer delivery trucks and working on delivery route efficiencies we are producing less harmful emissions.



Maintaining Efficiency

We perform all required maintenance on kitchen equipment to ensure it operates at its rated efficiency.

Minimizing Food Waste



USDA Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champion

Aramark is committed to reduce food loss and waste in its U.S. operations by 50% by the year 2030.



Source Reduction

We minimize waste before it's generated through operational practices and employee engagement by implementing our food management practices and regularly monitoring food waste.



Waste Minimization

By aligning with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) food recovery hierarchy we are focusing on reducing, reusing, and recycling food and other waste.

Sourcing Sustainably



Local Sourcing

Aramark has committed to working with its distribution partners to source food from local suppliers whenever possible.



Animal Welfare

Aramark has adopted animal welfare principles & purchasing commitments for its suppliers that address issues that impact the treatment of animals.



No-Deforestation Policy

As part of Aramark's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2025, we are working on sourcing foods from areas with no deforestation risk.

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Recycle and Compost Pilot Programs

We have worked with Washoe Inspire High School and Innovations High School to develop a recycle and compost program in their cafeterias.

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“Aramark’s environmental sustainability program, a core component of our people and planet-focused Be Well. Do Well. platform, is integral to how we deliver food service. This includes working to reduce the carbon footprint of the food we serve, minimizing food waste, and reducing our reliance on single use plastics. We are proud of the partnerships we continue to build with clients and guests to embed our sustainability commitments.”



How Aramark Can Bring More Sustainability Efforts to the Washoe County School District

Future Planned Actions at the Washoe County School District

REPLACE SINGLE USE CUTLERY



We are working on replacing our single use cutlery with reusable cutlery which will eliminate over 15 million plastic forks, spoons, and sporks each year. A pilot program for this initiative will take place at select elementary schools during the spring semester and will be widely implemented during the next school year.

Unique Sustainability Options Offered By ARAMARK



SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER/COORDINATOR

Aramark offers the option to hire a full-time sustainability manager/coordinator to serve as an advocate for dining services and liaison with the Washoe County School District.

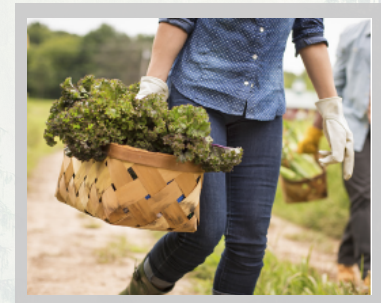
The sustainability coordinator/manager is supported by our regional team, which assists Aramark Student Nutrition with implementation, training programs, providing sustainable solutions, and measuring sustainability impacts.

OPEN FIELDS FARM-TO-PLATE TECHNOLOGY

Open Fields is the industries largest search engine for local and sustainable food.

With the Open Fields platform, the Washoe County School District will have immediate access to real-time reporting functions, with complete transparency to easily and accurately track local and sustainable food purchases.

Our partnership with leading farm-to-plate technology platform MaetaData, who developed the Open Fields platform, enables us to further elevate local and sustainable food purchases through online local marketplaces and analytics by your definition of local, sustainable, and community support.



THE MICRO-FARMS EXPERIENCE

Making Indoor Farming Easy and Fun

Our partnership with Babylon Micro-Farms can provide the Washoe County School District with the ability to harvest year-round, nutrient-dense produce with a blend of subscription services, advanced technology, and innovative farming equipment. Your students have the opportunity to observe as our culinary team selects fresh produce for the day's menus. This innovative farming unit can be incorporated into Washoe's calendar as part of a teaching kitchen program or a sustainability informational table session.



GREEN CLEANING AND BLUE CLEANING OPTIONS

GREEN CLEANING

We can offer cleaning operations and products to ensure we provide socially responsible services and an economic impact to your community. We have the ability to implement appropriate elements of our daily Green Cleaning program at The Washoe County School District which include Green Seal-certified or U.S. EPA Design for the Environment cleaning products.

BLUE CLEANING

In addition to implementing our daily Green Cleaning program, we use applications from our Blue Cleaning® program. Instead of chemical-based cleaning agents, Blue Cleaning uses ordinary tap water to clean and kill more than 99.9% of harmful germs through water ionization or electrically activated water (EAW). Using EAW eliminates chemicals in general-purpose cleaning and reduces chemical-based cleaning at your facilities.

