

Cook Job Description

CLASS TITLE: COOK/BAKER

REPORTS TO: Lunch Program Manager

EXEMPT STATUS: Non- Exempt

Days/Months: 10 months

BASIC FUNCTION:

Prepare, cook, and serve a variety of foods in quantity at an assigned school site; assist in other food preparation duties as directed; maintain facilities in a clean and sanitary condition.

REPRESENTATIVE DUTIES:

- Prepare and cook meat dishes, vegetables and other main dishes; prepare salads, sandwiches, fruit, soups, sauces and other foods.
- Assist in determining appropriate quantity of food items for cooking; adjust and extend recipes as needed; maintain food quality standards including appearance, and nutritional requirements.
- Monitor temperatures of food to assure safety and quality standards are met; monitor water temperatures to assure proper temperature for sanitizing.
- Serve food according to established guidelines and replenish serving containers as needed.
- Clean cafeteria equipment, utensils and appliances and store food supplies; assure compliance with kitchen sanitation and safety procedures and regulations; clean refrigerators and storerooms as required.
- Assist in storing unused food and supplies; dispose of unusable leftovers; utilize proper methods of handling foods to be stored.
- Operate a variety of standard kitchen utensils and equipment including slicer, chopper, mixer, steamer, fryer, dishwasher, electric warmer, range, oven, pressure cooker, dishwasher and other cafeteria equipment as required.
- Assist in other food service areas as needed
- Maintain regular attendance.
- Perform related duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES:

KNOWLEDGE OF:

- Principles and methods of quantity food service preparation, serving and storage.
- Sanitation and safety practices related to handling, cooking, baking and serving food.
- Methods of preparing and serving food in large quantities.
- Methods of adjusting and extending recipes and proper substitutions.
- Proper methods of storing equipment, materials and supplies.
- Standard kitchen equipment, utensils and measurements.
- Health and safety regulations.
- Basic record-keeping techniques.

ABILITY TO:

- Prepare, cook, and serve a variety of foods in quantity at an assigned food service facility.
- Prepare and serve food in accordance with health and sanitation regulations.
- Operate and maintain standard machines and equipment found in school cafeterias and kitchens.
- Prepare attractive, appetizing and nutritious meals for students and staff.
- Lift, bend, reach and stand.
- Follow, adjust and extend recipes.
- Understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing.
- Lift heavy objects.
- Maintain routine records.
- Meet schedules and timelines.
- Establish and maintain cooperative and effective working relationships with others.
- Plan and organize work.
- Observe health and safety regulations.
- Read and write at a level required for successful job performance.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

- Work is performed while standing, sitting and/or walking.
- Requires the ability to communicate effectively using speech, vision and hearing.
- Requires the use of hands for simple grasping and fine manipulations.
- Requires bending, squatting, crawling, climbing, reaching.
- Requires the ability to lift, carry, push or pull medium weights, up to 50 pounds.

Reasonable accommodation may be made to enable a person with a disability to perform the essential functions of the job.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination equivalent to high school diploma or G.E.D. preferred.

LICENSES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

Food handler license