

Why GOALS?

Significant changes to school nutrition programs, including the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and the USDA's newly implemented meal pattern requirements, makes it critical for school nutrition staff to be adequately trained and have the skills necessary to not only provide students with nutritious meals, but also skills similar to operating a small business.

- GOALS can provide an option for those interested in advancing their career in the field of school nutrition but do not have school nutrition experience or a formal degree in a related field.
- Completing the steps to earn a GOALS Certificate of Excellence will give school nutrition professionals confidence in their skills, credibility in their schools, and pride in the role they play in ensuring that Wisconsin students are college and career ready.



Train to Reach Your GOALS!



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Advance Your Career in School Nutrition with GOALS!

What is GOALS?

GOALS stands for Goal Oriented Achievement Learning Skills. GOALS provides online training resources and opportunities in order to educate and equip Wisconsin school nutrition professionals with the skills needed for the successful operation of a school nutrition program.

This training is specific to child nutrition professionals' responsibilities and meets all regulations for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Professional Standards.

GOALS provides school administrators and human resource managers with the

assurance that employment candidates for the school's food service program have received adequate training.

A GOALS Certificate of Excellence is obtained by completing training in nutrition, program administration and operations, and communications and marketing. It can be obtained at little or no cost to the school district or participant.

This certificate is an endorsement from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) showing that the recipient has completed and understands USDA Child Nutrition Programs. He or she will then be able to efficiently manage, operate, or work in Wisconsin schools as a school nutrition professional.



How Does GOALS Work?

GOALS resources and training opportunities will be posted on the GOALS website. Schools can find a variety of opportunities on the training resource page.

Staff can choose a training track to follow that meets their specific needs. Here are some great examples:

- A line staff member is looking for continuing education hours and wants to find training on batch cooking. He logs in to the GOALS website and searches for related training opportunities in the course catalog to find training opportunities. The training is tracked on the website.
- A restaurant cook would like to apply for a position as the director of school nutrition at her local school district but does not meet the USDA guidelines for experience. She accesses the website and begins taking online training toward obtaining a GOALS certificate.
- A school cook without a college degree would like to obtain enough training to earn a GOALS Certificate of Excellence and possibly apply for a director's job in a small SFA in the future. She tracks her college and technical school course work as she earns her degree.

