

Elementary Schools earn honors in HealthierUS School Challenge

Twenty-one Fayette elementary schools have won recognition in the President's HealthierUS School Challenge – for improving the quality of their offerings and providing kids with more nutritious choices.

“It lets people know that we're going in a healthier direction. We're using whole grains and whole wheats now, even in our pizza. Things are baked instead of fried. ... We want everyone to know we're really working hard to keep the children healthy,” said Diane Seale, a child nutrition supervisor for FCPS.

All the schools listed below met the “gold standards,” however, because meal participation was less than 70 percent, some schools were bumped to bronze status.

Gold (11): Arlington, Booker T. Washington Academy, Deep Springs, James Lane Allen, Julia R. Ewan (now Liberty), Julius Marks, Mary Todd, Northern, Russell Cave, Squires and Yates elementary schools.

Bronze (10): Athens-Chilesburg, Cassidy, Garden Springs, Glendover, Lansdowne, Meadowthorpe, Picadome, Southern, Stonewall and Veterans Park elementary schools.