

Green Ideas

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Environmental Impacts of Styrofoam



Styrofoam is not biodegradable nor recyclable



Styrene is a potential carcinogen



Styrofoam containers can contaminate food with chemicals



It is the main component of marine debris



It is made of a non-sustainable resource (petroleum)

Styrofoam Tray Usage Limitation



Consequences of Styrofoam Tray Use

Choose One Day of the Week to Serve “Dry” Food

On this day, do not offer Styrofoam trays with food Promote this change within the schools

Wednesday: Tuna or Chicken Fajita Salad

Thursday: Crispy Chicken Salad

Friday: Tuna Salad

Lunch Menu

Fresh fruit and milk served daily for lunch

Week 1

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Campus Favorite

Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes

Beef Tacos
Mexican Rice
Shredded Lettuce &
Diced Tomatoes

Baked or BBQ Chicken
Mashed Potatoes

General Tso Chicken
Brown Rice
Stir Fry Veggies

Chili Bowl w/ Brown Rice

Fruits & Vegetables

Ranchero Beans
Carrot/Cucumber Dips
Fresh Apples

Taco Fiesta Black Beans
Carrot/Celery Dips
Mixed Green Salad
Fresh Oranges

Carrot/Asst. Veggie Dips
Seasoned Green Beans
Fresh Pear or Banana
Pineapple Tidbits

Carrot/Cucumber Dips
Grapes & Green Apples
Peaches

Carrots/Jicama Dips
Broccoli w/ Cheese
Fresh Oranges
Peach Mango Applesauce

The Grill

Pulled Pork Sandwich
Chicken Sandwich
Chips

Steakburgers
Chicken Sandwich
Tater Tots

Fish or Chicken
Sandwich
Tater Tots

Pulled Pork
Sandwich
Chicken Sandwich
Tater Tots

Hot Dog
Chicken Sandwich
Chips

Pizzeria or Con Salsa

Picadillo Burrito
Mexican Rice

Chicken Parmesan
Italian Breadstick
Mixed Green Salad

Pizza w/ Asst. Toppings
Mixed Green Salad

Red Enchiladas
Mexican Rice
Ranchero Beans

Pizza w/ Asst. Toppings
Juicy Corn

- For one day every week, lunch that does not require a tray to be carried can be served without the Styrofoam tray, thereby mitigating the usage of Styrofoam.



Lunch Tray Bids



Open

In the next bid, open a discussion to implement tray Styrofoam alternatives.

Consider

Consider the cost of implementing dishwashers and reusable trays.

- Weigh this cost against purchasing biodegradable trays.

Recycling with El Paso ESD



- El Paso Environment Service Department
- Partners with EPISD schools
- Encourage the establishment of active **recycling clubs** within schools



Excess Food Donations

- Implement **Share Tables** at all school levels.
- Reach out to **qualified food donation centers** or non-profit organizations.
 - Currently, EPISD is partnered with the **Opportunity Center**
 - Form an **agreement** between the schools and other organizations for excess food donations.



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