

South Carolina School Food Service Purchasing Alliance

Partnership in Quality
Purchasing for Our
Children's Health
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Organizational Chart



History of the Alliance

- Created in the Spring of 1995 with 19 school districts
- Central testing site established at Laurens High School with product approval level at 65%
- 1996 Alliance grew to 45 school districts
- Five committees established; Product Identification, Product Testing, Marketing, Menu Development and Auditing

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History of the Alliance (Cont.)

- In 2008 the Alliance is comprised of 78 members consisting of 74 school districts and 4 school programs. This represents 88% of all school districts in the state (ADP 398,229) (88%) lunch and 183,317 (89%) breakfast).
- Collective buying power over 90 million dollars
- Over 70 testing sites established statewide
- Statewide acceptance level at 90% or above

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Vision Statement

- Vision: The nation's preeminent procurement entity for child nutrition programs.

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Mission Statement

- The South Carolina School Food Services Purchasing Alliance (SC SFSPA) procures the highest quality products at the lowest prices through a unique partnership that mutually benefits members and vendors while enhancing the health and academic performance of South Carolina's children.

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Guiding Principals

- Alliance members are active participants in support of the vision and mission of the organization.
- Alliance members and vendors conduct business in a professional and ethical manner.
- Alliance members strive for continuous improvement in all areas of their operation.
- Alliance members work together with the SC SFSA and SDE to leverage resources for the benefit of children.

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QUESTIONS!

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