2025 NC School Breakfast Innovators List



- Recognizing outstanding growth in school breakfast participation.
- All schools added the participation of more than 20 percent of its FRP-eligible eaters.
- Compared data from Oct. 2023 and Oct. 2024.
- Some schools were not eligible because of disaster recovery efforts — but we still wanted to recognize great work statewide!

We implemented Grab and Go breakfast in multiple paths to the classrooms...

Our behavior incidents were reduced by 30+% from the previous school year.

— Dina Gunnels

Principal, Cordova Middle School, Richmond County Schools



Erwin Montessori	Guilford County Schools
Belmont Elementary	Roanoke Rapids City Schools
Jamesville Elementary	Martin County Schools
Ramsey Street High Alternative	Cumberland County Schools
Harkers Island Elementary	Carteret County Public Schools
Grandview Middle	Hickory City Schools
River Oaks Middle	Wake County Schools
Roanoke Rapids Early College	Roanoke Rapids City Schools
Hallyburton Academy	Burke County Schools
Bragg Street Academy	Lee County Schools
Southside/Ashpole Elem	Robeson County Schools
Pamlico County High	Pamlico County Schools
Parkton Elementary	Robeson County Schools

Pleasant Garden Elementary	Guilford County Schools
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Scurlock Elementary	Hoke County Schools
Southeast Elementary	Lenoir County Public Schools
Park Road Montessori	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
South End Elementary	Rockingham County Schools
Cordova Middle School	Richmond County Schools
Sandy Grove Middle School	Hoke County Schools
Northview Academy	Iredell-Statesville Schools
Marjorie Williams Academy	Marjorie Williams Academy
Millis Road Elementary	Guilford County Schools
Fred A Anderson Elementary	Pamlico County Schools
Movement School Southwest	Movement School Southwest
Alamance Elementary	Guilford County Schools



The school breakfast program has built a sense of COMMUNITY within classrooms.

— Scott Winslow

Principal, Alamance Elementary, Guilford County Schools