

WHAT'S COOKING



SFE in Partnership with Middlesex County Magnet Schools

Middlesex County Magnet Schools Partners with SFE

Southwest Foodservice Excellence (SFE) is proud to announce a new partnership with Middlesex County Magnet Schools for the 2025-2026 school year, marking an exciting step forward in redefining school dining experiences across the region.

More than a food service provider, SFE sees this partnership as a shared commitment to student well-being, community connection, and purposeful innovation. Guided by its mantra “Food-first for partnerships that last,” SFE will deliver chef-crafted, fresh-from-scratch meals that students love, parents trust, and Middlesex County Magnet Schools are proud of. SFE’s customized foodservice solutions will help fuel student success by boosting meal participation, enhancing nutritional outcomes, and creating vibrant dining spaces that foster a sense of community.

“I’m honored to lead the foodservice team for Middlesex County Magnet Schools. With a passion for great food and leading future culinarians, I’m excited for the impact our team can have on meals and students across our schools.”



Students
Engagement

- **More of a college style menu; grab and go selections, grill days**
- **Engaging nutrition education through Future Foodies**
- **Growing & learning about their food through Tower Gardens & Green Bronx Machine**
- **Work with Culinary Programs**



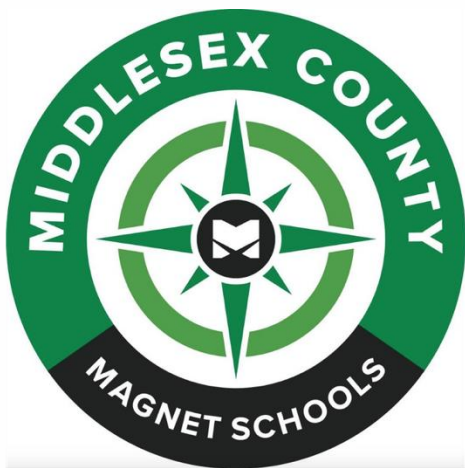
Chef Isaiah McCargo
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Tower Gardens & Green Bronx Machine



Students Growing Their Own Ingredients

- Through Tower Gardens, students at Middlesex County Magnet Schools will have the opportunity to grow their own food and ingredients
- These ingredients can be used as a part of the culinary CTE programs, for nutrition and food education across all programs and grades or as a tasting opportunity for students to sample raw, locally grown ingredients
- Supported by a comprehensive STEAM based curriculum, tower gardens can be incorporated as a part of the lesson plans in all classrooms – from math and science to English and literature.



Additional Program Highlights

- **Grab & Go collegiate style meals**
 - Students can now take their meal on the go – and get back to the things that matter most to them!
- **Comprehensive Food & Nutrition Education**
 - From harvest of the month to culinary classes, SFE's Future Foodies Food & Nutrition Education program ensures all students have the life skills and empowerment to make lifelong healthy choices
- **Engagement with Culinary Programs**
 - As the program evolves, SFE's chefs will support the Culinary CTE Programs with guest chef appearances, internship opportunities and a chance to more directly engage in their school meals through recipe development
- **Student Feedback**
 - All students will have the opportunity to provide feedback through SFE's mobile app, student sampling events and focus groups



SFE FUTURE FOODIES
NUTRITION EDUCATION