

Allegheny County Health Department  
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## **South Fayette is named for “Excellence in Food Safety and Sanitation” Award**

South Fayette (High) School was named today for Allegheny County’s 18<sup>th</sup> annual **“Excellence in Food Protection Award”** as a facility that goes beyond the code requirements and undertakes extraordinary efforts in food safety and sanitation. Their record keeping and HACCP implementation is first rate.

The award is given by the County Food Advisory Board, a group of industry representatives that work with the Health Department to promote food safety. The contest is opened to over 8000 licensed food establishments throughout Allegheny County.

Under the direction of Tricia Wood, Director of Food Services, the HACCP – food safety and sanitation **SOP’s** (Standard Operating Procedures) have been in place since 2002. South Fayette School district has received a total of 137 Diamond Awards over the past several years. The staff is dedicated to the safety and well being of the student population and staff. The “food court” style service has a participation rate of 97% of the students eating at the food-court.

“We are here to service our students, staff and families of this community. Safety of our students and high end nutritious foods are our first priorities” says Wood.

South Fayette will be honored by a formal luncheon at the Monterrey Fish Grotto located on top of Mt. Washington on September 17, 2009. The award will be presented by the Allegheny County Health Department Food Advisory Board and Dan Onorato, Allegheny County Chief Executive. This is the third time South Fayette has won this award. On behalf of the citizens of Allegheny County and South Fayette friends and neighbors we would like to congratulate all of the South Fayette Nutritional Services employees. Keep up the great team effort and congratulations. Go Lions.