The mission of the Eau Claire Area School District is to educate our children in partnership with the family and the community to live responsible, creative, and fulfilling lives in a rapidly changing world. The vision for the Eau Claire Area School District is to become a recognized model of educational excellence in all that we do. The Eau Claire Area School District serves the 11,681 school age population of Eau Claire, Wisconsin and surrounding villages and townships.

The mission of the Food and Nutrition Program of the Eau Claire Area School District is to provide an opportunity for all students to receive wholesome, developmentally appropriate food choices which contribute to the well being and life long eating habits of the individual. The long range program goals are: 1) to provide the resources and team organizational structure necessary to foster continuous quality improvement in the delivery of food and nutrition services, 2) to apply innovative technology to enhance program cost effectiveness and accountability, 3) to demonstrate the inter-relationship between a food program and learning. The Food and Nutrition Program of the Eau Claire Area School District participates in the USDA National School Lunch, National School Breakfast, and National Special Milk Programs, as well as an A La Carte Program. For the 1995 - 1996 school year 808,741 student lunches and 119,818 breakfasts were served (5,064 and 710 daily, respectively). These services are provided by 84 Food Service staff (47.3 FTE), 2.5 FTE Support staff, 1.4 FTE Custodian Van Drivers, 1 FTE director and .5 FTE Project Manager.

Interns participate in the management of a school foodservice system including procurement, food production, distribution, and service. They evaluate menus for nutritional adequacy as well as the impact of the menus on final cost, staffing pattern, and equipment needs. Oral and/or written communication skills and computer technology applications for foodservice management are developed.