

County of Santa Clara

Department of Environmental Health

Consumer Protection Division

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OFFICIAL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility FA0206279 - ESCUELA POPULAR		Site Address 149 N WHITE RD, SAN JOSE, CA 95127		Inspection Date 03/12/2026		Placard Color & Score GREEN 96		
Program PR0304607 - SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE RISK CAT 2 - FP22			Owner Name ESCUELA POPULAR		Inspection Time 11:40 - 12:20			
Inspected By MAMAYE KEBEDE		Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION		Consent By GUADALUPE CORTES				FSC Guadalupe Cortes 5/25/2027

RISK FACTORS AND INTERVENTIONS		IN	OUT		COS/SA	N/O	N/A	PBI
			Major	Minor				
K01	Demonstration of knowledge; food safety certification	X						
K02	Communicable disease; reporting/restriction/exclusion	X						S
K03	No discharge from eyes, nose, mouth	X						
K04	Proper eating, tasting, drinking, tobacco use	X						
K05	Hands clean, properly washed; gloves used properly	X						S
K06	Adequate handwash facilities supplied, accessible	X						
K07	Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	X						
K08	Time as a public health control; procedures & records					X		
K09	Proper cooling methods					X		
K10	Proper cooking time & temperatures	X						
K11	Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	X						
K12	Returned and reservice of food	X						
K13	Food in good condition, safe, unadulterated	X						
K14	Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized	X						N
K15	Food obtained from approved source	X						
K16	Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display						X	
K17	Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations						X	
K18	Compliance with variance/ROP/HACCP Plan						X	
K19	Consumer advisory for raw or undercooked foods						X	
K20	Licensed health care facilities/schools: prohibited foods not being offered	X						
K21	Hot and cold water available	X						
K22	Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	X						
K23	No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	X						

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES		OUT	COS
K24	Person in charge present and performing duties		
K25	Proper personal cleanliness and hair restraints		
K26	Approved thawing methods used; frozen food		
K27	Food separated and protected		
K28	Fruits and vegetables washed		
K29	Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used		
K30	Food storage: food storage containers identified		
K31	Consumer self service does prevent contamination		
K32	Food properly labeled and honestly presented		
K33	Nonfood contact surfaces clean		
K34	Warewash facilities: installed/maintained; test strips		
K35	Equipment, utensils: Approved, in good repair, adequate capacity		
K36	Equipment, utensils, linens: Proper storage and use	X	
K37	Vending machines		
K38	Adequate ventilation/lighting; designated areas, use		
K39	Thermometers provided, accurate		
K40	Wiping cloths: properly used, stored		
K41	Plumbing approved, installed, in good repair; proper backflow devices		
K42	Garbage & refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained		
K43	Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned		
K44	Premises clean, in good repair; Personal/chemical storage; Adequate vermin-proofing	X	
K45	Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, clean		
K46	No unapproved private home/living/sleeping quarters		
K47	Signs posted; last inspection report available		

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K48	Plan review	
K49	Permits available	
K58	Placard properly displayed/posted	

Comments and Observations

Major Violations

No major violations were observed during this inspection.

Minor Violations

K36 - 2 Points - Equipment, utensils, linens: Improper storage and use; 114074, 114081, 114119, 114121, 114161, 114178, 114179, 114083, 114185, 114185.2, 114185.3, 114185.4, 114185.5

Inspector Observations: Boxes of single use and other utensils were stored on the floor back in the storage area.
[CA] For easy floor cleaning and to prevent insect/rodent infestation and hiding, store all utensils/equipment at least six inches off the floor on approved shelf/dunnage rack at all the time.

K44 - 2 Points - Premises not clean, not in good repair; No personal/chemical storage; inadequate vermin-proofing; 114067(j), 114123, 114143 (a,b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282

Inspector Observations: The large side window of the kitchen was left open.
[CA] To prevent insect/rodent infections, keep the back door always closed or install a screen window.

Performance-Based Inspection Questions

Needs Improvement - Food contact surfaces clean, sanitized.

Measured Observations

Item	Location	Measurement	Comments
Hot water	Three compartment sink	125.00 Fahrenheit	
Milk	Milk cooler	35.00 Fahrenheit	
Chlorine	Three compartment sink	100.00 PPM	
Chicken	Upright freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef sandwich	Final cook	165.00 Fahrenheit	
Beef sandwich	Oven	145.00 Fahrenheit	
Ham	Upright freezer	0.00 Fahrenheit	

Overall Comments:

Note: 1. Food safety manager certificate: Guadalupe Cortes - 5/25/2027

2. The school purchases its supplies directly from Sysco Corporation

3. All leftover food products are discarded after each shift.

4. According to the USDA guideline, schools serving lunch through the School Lunch program must have a written HACCP plan in place. Please keep a copy in the cafeteria.

5. Prior to the installation of any new equipment, equipment layout plan and specification submittal is required to Plan Check. Any installation of new equipment, without prior notification to district specialist/Plan Check is subject to impounding of the equipment. Any unapproved equipment will not be allowed for use.

Plan check consultation hours are Monday through Friday 7:30AM-10AM and afternoon by appointment only at address above.
Additional information on Plan Check Program is available at <https://www.sccgov.org/sites/cpd/programs/pcp/Pages/home.aspx>.

When required to determine compliance, a single reinspection will be conducted without additional charge. If subsequent reinspections are required, an hourly fee (minimum one hour) at the current rate approved by the Board of Supervisors will be assessed for each and every reinspection until the necessary changes or corrections are made. Unless otherwise noted by the inspector, all violations are to be corrected no later than **3/26/2026**. Any major change in menu or any change in ownership must have prior approval by this Department. This may require structural and/or equipment changes or remodeling to accommodate new operations.

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Legend:

[CA]	Corrective Action
[COS]	Corrected on Site
[N]	Needs Improvement
[NA]	Not Applicable
[NO]	Not Observed
[PBI]	Performance-based Inspection
[PHF]	Potentially Hazardous Food
[PIC]	Person in Charge
[PPM]	Part per Million
[S]	Satisfactory
[SA]	Suitable Alternative
[TPHC]	Time as a Public Health Control



Received By: Guadalupe Cortes
Manager

Signed On: March 12, 2026