

2.3.3 Sustainable Food Choices on Campus

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Across its multiple campuses in Egypt, AASTMT has demonstrated a strong institutional commitment to embedding sustainability within its food systems and dining services. At the Abu Kir campus in Alexandria, AASTMT provides comprehensive dining services for students, staff, and visitors, including daily meals for residents in dormitories and catering for campus events. A specialized program also addresses food insecurity among students by offering nutritional support, to enhance the state of malnourished students, and access to food banks and pantries, ensuring that no student faces barriers to healthy eating and that undernutrition is terminated. The Academy's dining facilities emphasize healthy, affordable, and sustainable options, featuring plant-based meals, locally sourced ingredients that support Egyptian farmers, and initiatives to reduce food waste through portion control and awareness campaigns. Additionally, AASTMT regularly upgrades its main restaurants and cafeterias to improve service quality and dining experiences while organizing educational activities that promote understanding of sustainable food systems and their environmental benefits.

- 1. Protein-based Meals: AASTMT ensures the availability of balanced, protein-rich full meals across campus dining outlets to support students' nutritional needs and overall well-being.
 - **Vegetarian/Vegan Options:** Dedicated vegetarian and vegan meal options are offered at selected cafeterias to promote plant-based eating, as well as offer food options for Christian students during fasting periods.
- 2. **Outcome of In-House Produce:** Produce cultivated through AASTMT's in-house agricultural systems contributes to campus meal preparation, reinforcing local sourcing and food self-sufficiency. For instance, the AASTMT distributes its outcome of some fruits grown across its campus yearly to its staff members.
- 3. **Healthy Meal Options:** The Academy emphasizes health-oriented menus that include fresh ingredients, reduced-fat recipes, and calorie-conscious selections aligned with dietary best practices.
- 4. **Subsidized Meals:** AASTMT provides subsidized meal plans and free meals for scholarship students to ensure equitable access to nutritious food and alleviate financial barriers to learning.











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