



# HUSKY HIGHLIGHT MCKALEY PHILLIPS FOOD SERVICES

**1. What is your job with the district and what job site do you work at?**

I am the Food Service Director, my office is in the High School but I oversee both the ES and MS/HS cafeterias.

**2. How long have you been employed with the district?**

This is my second year!

**3. What did you do before you came to Highland?**

I moved to Colorado to attend CSU, but after changing my major 4 times in 3 semesters I chose to take some time off. I did receive a pastry arts certificate from the Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts in Boulder but never did return to “real” college. I worked at Noodles and Company the longest, was there about 6 years and ended my career there as a Market Training Manager before I made the move to school food. I spent one year with Thompson School district as a Food Service Coordinator before starting here at Highland.

*Favorite Color:  
Turquoise*

*Favorite Book: Kurt  
Vonnegut is by far my  
favorite author but I am  
currently reading  
Adjustment Day by Chuck  
Palahniuk*

*Favorite  
Food/Restaurant:  
Definitely tacos!  
Luna's in Greeley is  
my current fav*

*Favorite TV Show: Favorite TV  
show is probably MasterChef or  
Alone, and favorite movie would be a  
tie between Roadhouse and Rad*

**4. What do you enjoy about working in the district?**

I have an amazing team that works so hard to make sure the students of Highland have hearty and healthy breakfast and lunches every day. I also really appreciate the support my department has from most of the teachers and staff!

**5. What has been the biggest change or challenge in your department as a result of COVID?**

Although this year has been a series of adjustments, the biggest challenge would be returning last year right after spring break from my maternity leave to have to do a huge 180 or whatever you would call having to on the fly figure out how to feed our students without school in session. The first week was crazy but we figured out a system and ended up serving almost 13,000 meals!

*Favorite Season:  
I really just love  
the change of the  
seasons*

*Favorite Quotes:  
"With freedom, flowers, books,  
and the moon, who could not  
be perfectly happy?" – Oscar  
Wilde*

*Favorite Place to  
Vacation:  
Backpacking/Campin  
g in the mountains*

*Thing to do on a rainy  
day:  
Try to entertain my 2  
little boys, probably  
jump in some mud  
puddles*

