



Indiana Department of Education

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Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides an opportunity for all children in participating schools to receive a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school year. FFVP is a cost-reimbursable grant where the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reimburses schools for costs associated with making fresh fruits and vegetables available to students.

The goals of FFVP are to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption, and make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

FFVP is available through an application process to individual school buildings that meet certain eligibility requirements. Schools that meet the eligibility requirement must submit an application annually to be considered.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be an elementary school.*
- Operate the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) for at least one school year prior to application.
- Represent a high rate of students certified to receive free and reduced meal benefits.

Operational Requirements

- Operate the program at least two days a week, up to five days a week.
- Serve all students in the building in grades K-6.**
- Schedule FFVP service at any time during the school day*** other than during the School Breakfast Program or NSLP meal service periods.
- Begin program operations no later than September 15 annually.
- Offer items not served within the cafeteria during meal serving times.
- Track all expenses incurred by the program at the site level separately from NSLP expenses including administrative and operational expenditures. The majority of FFVP funds must go toward the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Attend annual FFVP training.
- Provide nutrition education to all students related to the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Create food safety standard operating procedures designed for FFVP service.

*Indiana defines elementary schools as those serving students in grades K-6. School buildings with students higher than grade six can apply, but program funding is only available for students grades K-6. Students in grades 7-12 cannot be provided with FFVP items, even if a surplus of funding exists.

**If the school administers pre-kindergarten (PK) programming, PK students can be included in FFVP application for funding.

***FFVP can only operate as part of the school day. Service cannot occur as part of a before or after school program or during summer school.