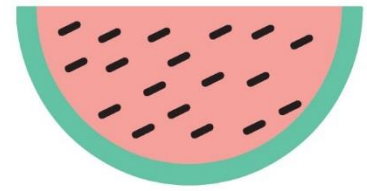


FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROGRAM



The **Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)** is a federally assisted program providing free fresh fruits and vegetables to students in participating elementary schools during the day.

What is the goal of FFVP?

The goal of the FFVP is to improve children's overall diet and create healthier eating habits to impact their present and future health. The FFVP will help schools create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices; expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience; and increasing children's fruit and vegetable consumption.

What schools are eligible for the FFVP?

The FFVP is available through an application process to schools that meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. At least 50% of students receive free or reduced price meals.
2. Must be an elementary school (grades preschool through 6).
3. Must operate the National School Lunch Program.
4. Must be in good standing.
5. Must have support from all stakeholders.

How is FFVP funded at the school level?

Elementary schools participating in the program receive between \$50-\$75 per student for the school year. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) allocates federal funding to schools based on the total enrollment of the school and the number of FFVP operating days each week. The money is distributed to schools with the highest free and reduced rate first and then proceeds down the list of eligible applicants until all of the funds have been allocated.

What to do with FFVP funds?

With these funds, schools provide free fresh fruits and vegetables to students during the school day outside of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SBP). Schools participating in the FFVP submit monthly claims for reimbursement. Schools are reimbursed for the cost of fresh fruits and vegetables and non-food costs such as operational labor, materials, and equipment.

What are the program requirements for eligible elementary schools?

Schools have the flexibility to develop their own implementation plan, choose the type of produce, number of days a week (no less than 2 days a week) and times during the day (outside of NSLP and SBP operation) to provide free fresh fruits and vegetables to their students. Eligible elementary schools must submit an application and stakeholder signature pages to be considered for the program.

While operating the program schools must follow proper procurement procedures, track FFVP spending, retain all invoices and receipts, complete monthly claims for reimbursement, and undergo occasional site or administrative reviews

Schools are also encouraged to develop partnerships to help implement the program, such as with local universities, extension services and local grocers. Schools must also agree to widely publicize the availability of the program.

For More Information About Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

Visit:

<https://www.doe.in.gov/nutrition/scn-fresh-fruit-and-vegetable-program>

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