

Schools should refer to the [2026-27 FFVP School Eligibility](#) data file to verify eligibility prior to starting an application. The file includes all schools that have been determined eligible to apply for participation in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) and contains National School Lunch Program (NSLP) free and reduced-price meal eligibility and enrollment data as of the October 2025 school nutrition program claim. Schools will need to reference this data while completing certain portions of the application.

Section 1. School Information

Name of School	Site Number
Name of School Food Authority <i>(School District or Sponsor Organization)</i>	RCDT Code

Section 2. Student Enrollment

Refer to the data in the 2026-2027 FFVP School Eligibility file and review the questions below. Although the scenarios described in this section are less common, you must provide additional information if the answer is **YES** to any question in this section.

As of October 2025, does this school’s enrollment include any students in grades 9-12?	YES	NO
If YES – Provide the number of students at this school enrolled in each grade range.	Grades 9-12	8th Grade & Below

Does this school expect a significant change to the population of enrolled students in 2026-2027 compared to the current school year? Do not include the normal fluctuations in student enrollment from year to year.	YES	NO
<i>An example of a significant change includes (but is not limited to) reorganization of schools or attendance areas within a district that results in a change in the number of students or range of grade levels enrolled at this school, addition or closure of another school within the district, etc.</i>	Estimated Enrollment	

If **YES** – Provide an estimate for the number of students that will be enrolled at this school, in grades 8 and below, and will have access to the National School Lunch Program in school year 2026-2027 and explain the reason for the significant change in student enrollment.

Section 3. FFVP Service

Operation of FFVP service consists of a fresh fruit or fresh vegetable snack, made available free of charge to all enrolled students and served during the school day at a time outside of meal service periods, at least two days per week. This section collects information on how you will implement the FFVP service within this school.

Service Days and Time

- Schools must make FFVP service available to students **at least two days per week**, at a time during the regular school day that does not overlap with the School Breakfast Program (SBP) and National School Lunch Program (NSLP) meal service periods.
- Fresh fruits and vegetables must be served and eaten by students at the times and locations designated for FFVP during the regular school day. They may not be served before or after school or sent with the children for later consumption.

Mark the days and timeframe during which your school will implement FFVP service in a typical week. If some grade levels are served in the morning and some will be served in the afternoon, you can select both.

Morning service must be in the timeframe between the end of the breakfast meal period and before the start of the lunch period.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Afternoon service must be in the timeframe between the end of the lunch meal period and prior to the end of the school day.	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon

Service Location and Delivery Method

Schools have flexibility on choosing the delivery method and location of FFVP service. Indicate how your school will implement FFVP service. The methods listed are only a few ideas to get you started. You may select multiple options and/or provide additional explanation if needed.

Delivered to Classrooms	Hallway Kiosks	Free vending machines	Other (explain below)
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Section 4. Publicizing the Program

It is a requirement for FFVP to be widely publicized within the school community. Select from any of the suggested options below and/or describe how your school will meet this requirement.

Newsletters/Newsfeed
Social Media/Blog Posts

Local Newspaper/Media
Morning Announcements

Posters/Banners/Flyers
Parent Communications

School Website
Other

Section 5. Program Responsibilities

For the FFVP to be successful, it needs full support of school officials and staff who believe in working toward a healthy school environment. It requires input and commitment of staff throughout the school and district.

Please identify the staff positions that are primarily responsible for each task or area of implementation.

Examples of position or title include but are not limited to:

- Superintendent
- Principal
- Food Service Director, Manager, or Staff
- Food Service Management Company or Vendor
- Purchasing Official
- School Business Officer
- Administrative Professional/Secretary
- Teacher
- School Nurse
- Janitor/Custodian

Responsibility	Position or Title of the Responsible Staff Person(s)
Purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables	
Preparing fresh fruits and vegetables	
Serving fresh fruits and vegetables	
Preparing claims for reimbursement and recordkeeping	
Marketing/promotion to publicize the program	
Planning and overseeing nutrition education	
List any additional responsibilities that are necessary for implementation of FFVP at this school (if applicable).	

Section 6. Nutrition Education and Partnerships

Nutrition education for the students is a key component and requirement of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. While introducing students to fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snacks, teaching about nutrition helps support development of healthy eating habits. Select from any of the suggestions below and/or describe how your school will integrate nutrition education alongside the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, along with any other efforts to promote sound health and nutrition, reduce overweight and obesity, or promote physical activity among children.

Classroom activities (*Examples include nutrition facts, trivia questions, graphing, experiments, story problems, reading, etc.*)
Point of service educational materials
Student taste testing/food demonstrations
Information provided during school announcements

Bulletin boards with nutritional information throughout the school building
Nutrition loan library for teachers and/or students
All school assembly activities
Other

Schools are encouraged to develop partnerships with one or more entities that will provide non-federal resources, including entities representing the fruit and vegetable industry and entities working to promote children's health in the community. Select from any of the suggested options below and/or describe any partners/potential partnerships that your school will work with to implement a successful Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

School Administrators/Teachers
School Wellness Committee
Parent Teacher Associations
Community Organizations
University of Illinois Cooperative Extension
Ag in the Classroom

Area Businesses/Grocery Stores/Farmer's Market
Local Growers/Orchards
Health Associations
Dieticians and Dietetic Interns
Media/Newspaper
Other

Section 7. Certification of Support

Each school that applies to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program must provide assurance that the school principal and school food manager are supportive of administering and operating FFVP within the school. These persons must review and sign this program application.

Certification of Support for Participation in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

As a representative of the school food authority (SFA) and school named on this application, I have reviewed this program application and attest to the information provided. If selected, the SFA and its participating schools must agree to abide by all requirements as stated in Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, as well as adhere to all regulations and guidance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Further, the SFA and participating schools agree to participate in any USDA-sponsored evaluations and to provide the information requested by the specified deadlines.

School Principal *(or equivalent position)*

Name

Title

Phone

Email

School Food Service Manager *(or equivalent position)*

Name

Title

Phone

Email

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

This application does not constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter herein. Terms of agreement for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program are incorporated within the School Nutrition Program Permanent Agreement.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

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