

FFVP Informational Flyer 2026-2027



NJ What is the FFVP?

It is a USDA grant offered to elementary schools with 50 percent or more students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Schools receive approximately \$50-\$55 per student for fresh fruits and vegetables to offer as snacks.

How Does a School Receive the FFVP?

Schools must submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Agriculture. Only 204 schools in New Jersey currently receive this nourishing program. Our school was accepted to participate for the 2026-2027 school year!

When Does Our School Offer the FFVP?

Our school serves this snack 2 or more times a week during the school day, outside of other meal service times.

What is Served as an FFVP Snack?

- Fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Common items such as apples, oranges, carrots, and cucumbers.
- Occasionally, unusual items such as blood oranges, rambutans, or jicama.

What are the FFVP Goals?

- Create healthier schools.
- Promote wellness.
- Expand variety of fruits and vegetables children experience.
- Increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption.
- Influence children's diets for the immediate and long-term to impact their future health.

What Can Parents/Guardians Do?

- Support the program by asking about the snacks students ate at school.
- Serve healthy fruits and vegetables for snack at home.
- Allow children to pick a few fruits and vegetables when grocery shopping.
- Involve children in cooking at home.
- Encourage balanced food choices and exercise.