



Hunger-Free School Campus

One in six American families is food insecure, including more than 13 million children.

Since school meals may be the only meals available to children throughout the day, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has created the Hunger-Free School Campus designation to encourage schools to play an active role in reducing food insecurity on their school campus and in the community.

“Many of Florida’s challenges stem from a lack of access to nutritious food. Hunger has a statewide impact, because nutrition, health, and wellness have direct effects on our communities and our economy,” shared Commissioner of Agriculture Nicole “Nikki” Fried. “That’s why one of my top priorities is fighting food insecurity and ensuring families across our state can access wholesome, fresh meals. Schools are a natural partner for expanding access to healthy foods, providing nutrition education, and creating opportunities food-insecure communities throughout the state.”

All schools on the National School Lunch Program are eligible to apply for a Hunger-Free School Campus designation. Schools will be recognized at the Bronze, Silver or Gold level depending on the activities and programs they operate aimed at reducing hunger and increasing food access for their students, staff and families. The first 20 schools to achieve recognition at the Gold level will receive \$1,000 to be used toward efforts to increase food access and reduce hunger on campus.

BRONZE

Recognition on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website as a partner to reduce hunger in Florida

Certificate from Commissioner of Agriculture

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SILVER

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Plaque from Commissioner of Agriculture

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GOLD

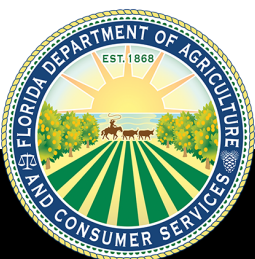
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





To be designated a Hunger-Free School Campus, a school must complete at least seven of the items below. Schools with 70% student participation in lunch service in addition to seven other activities will be recognized at the Silver level. To receive Gold level recognition, schools must complete at least seven of the items below and achieve 70% lunch participation and at least 70% of students participate in breakfast service annually.

- 70% Breakfast Participation** – At least 70% of students participating in lunch participate in breakfast service annually
- 70% Lunch Participation** – At least 70% of students participate in lunch service annually
- Universal Free Breakfast** and/or Lunch
- Special Provision Implementation** – Participate in the Community Eligibility Provision, or Provision 1, 2 or 3
- Alternative Breakfast** – Offer breakfast After the Bell, Breakfast in the Classroom, Second Chance Breakfast
- Share Table** – Provide a space for students to place uneaten, unopened food items they don't want for other students to consume
- Local School Wellness Policy and Healthy School Team** – Have an established healthy school team to monitor the compliance with competitive food rules and ensure the successful implementation of the local school wellness policy
- School Garden** – Utilize a school garden to teach students about agriculture, nutrition and food access
- Food Pantry** – Host a food pantry or partner with a local food bank or food pantry
- Backpack Program** – Ensure students have enough food during the weekend and school breaks
- Community Education** – Provide information to staff and families about local resources available to those that may be food insecure
- Gleaning** – Coordinate a gleaning as a team building event for staff or field trip for students
- Food Drive** – Host annual food drive to collect shelf stable foods to donate to a food pantry
- Summer BreakSpot** Sponsor and/or site – Provide meals to children throughout the summer when they don't have access to the National School Lunch Program
- After-school Snack Program** – Ensure students have access to nutritious snacks after the school day has ended
- At-Risk After-school Meals Program** – Provide meals during school breaks and during the school year
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program** – Participate in the program to provide students free fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the school day
- School Food Waste Audit** – Conduct a school food waste audit to encourage the consumption of more nutritious foods and reduce food waste.

To learn more about how to become a Hunger-Free School Campus, visit:

[FDACS.gov/
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