

OSPI CNS Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) Handout

FFVP Sponsors Partnering with SNAP-Ed to Support Schools

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) is a federal grant program that supports health and food security through various projects. SNAP-Ed is designed to support people who are eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) food assistance benefits. Schools that receive FFVP awards also serve children from households that receive SNAP food assistance benefits. As such, collaborating with SNAP-Ed can be a great way to meet FFVP goals of creating a healthier food environment.

What can SNAP-Ed offer to FFVP Sponsors?

SNAP-Ed providers can offer nutrition education materials, training to teachers, in-person nutrition education to classrooms, and consultations to FFVP sponsors.

How does partnering support schools?

Collaborating with SNAP-Ed can help awarded school districts meet the nutrition education requirement. However, it is not a one-size-fits-all-approach. SNAP-Ed staff members can work with districts to determine how to best support the specific school site's needs.

Examples of how SNAP-Ed collaborates with school districts operating FFVP:

- ✓ Training school staff on nutrition/wellness (FFVP)
- ✓ Surveying of teachers/educators about different wellness activities used in the classroom (FFVP)
- ✓ Partnering with staff/families/students to implement policies, systems, or environmental strategies in the school that encourage healthier eating
- ✓ Supporting procurement of locally grown produce
- ✓ Promoting farm to school efforts through social and print media
- ✓ Providing nutrition education materials to classroom teachers
- ✓ Facilitating creation of FFVP policies adopted by the school or district
- ✓ Connecting to other cafeteria programming (Harvest of the Month; school food bank; Smarter Lunchrooms)
- ✓ Compiling and analyzing data on types of produce offered, student engagement and acceptance, views of FFVP, reach of social media, and strategizing for future programming
- ✓ Strengthening FFVP nutrition education program
- ✓ Increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables

Please email the [Special Programs Specialist](#) to get into contact with SNAP-Ed.

