

## News Release

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### Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants support child nutrition

MADISON — Getting children to eat healthy foods can be a challenge, but grants to 73 public and private schools will make a difference by providing a fresh fruit and vegetable snack during the school day.

“Introducing healthy foods as part of a snack for all children is improving student eating habits,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers in announcing the grant awards. “Because the program matches healthy snack time with teachable moments, schools that participated in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in previous years have noticed that students are bringing healthier foods to school.”

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction awarded \$1.3 million in Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to elementary schools throughout the state for the 2009-10 school year. The grants will serve approximately 26,000 children in schools from lower-income communities.

Schools will receive approximately \$51 per student to purchase fresh produce to be served to all students. Typically, schools serve fruits and vegetables in the classroom, pairing snack time with nutrition education, silent reading, or another compatible activity. Some schools use hallway kiosks, free vending machines, tables or baskets in the nurse’s or school office, or other locations to distribute the produce to all students.

“The federal farm bill launched this program to combat childhood obesity,” Evers noted. “Teaching kids to accept healthier food choices is one way to improve overall nutrition and health.”

Wisconsin joined the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program in 2006 with 25 participating schools. For this year’s competitive grant, 73 schools were selected based on geographic distribution and the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price school meals as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast programs.

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**NOTES:** A list of schools receiving Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grants is attached. This news release is available electronically at [http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2009\\_12.pdf](http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2009_12.pdf).

# USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grants

Wisconsin Schools Receiving Grants for the 2009-10 School Year

## **Antigo School District**

East Elementary, \$8,284  
North Elementary, \$9,237

## **Ashland School District**

Lake Superior Primary, \$20,229

## **Augusta School District**

Augusta Elementary, \$15,059

## **Baraboo School District**

South Elementary, \$16,665

## **Bayfield School District**

Bayfield Elementary, \$7,431

## **Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District**

Pembine Elementary, \$5,975

## **Beloit School District**

Hackett Elementary, \$15,913  
Merrill Elementary, \$15,009  
Wright Elementary, \$12,450

## **Eau Claire Area School District**

Lakeshore Elementary, \$19,526  
Longfellow Elementary, \$17,117

## **Flambeau School District**

Flambeau Elementary, \$14,557

## **Fond du Lac School District**

Riverside Elementary, \$20,630

## **FRANKLIN**

Indian Community School of  
Milwaukee, \$14,608

## **Frederic School District**

Birch Street Elementary, \$12,800

## **Gilman School District**

Gilman Elementary, \$12,348

## **Green Bay Area School District**

Danz Elementary, \$27,707  
Eisenhower Elementary, \$21,986  
Fort Howard Elementary, \$16,113  
Howe Elementary, \$20,329  
Jefferson Elementary, \$8,936  
Nicolet Elementary, \$23,190

## **Independence School District**

Independence Elementary, \$10,140

## **Kenosha School District**

Edward Bain School, \$36,390  
Frank Elementary, \$24,445

## **La Crosse School District**

Franklin Elementary, \$9,186

## **La Farge School District**

La Farge Elementary, \$6,125

## **Lac du Flambeau #1 School District**

Lac du Flambeau Elementary, \$21,935

## **Lake Geneva J1 School District**

Eastview Elementary, \$15,560

## **Madison Metropolitan School District**

Aldo Leopold Elementary, \$34,583  
Glendale Elementary, \$21,233  
Lincoln Elementary, \$10,542  
Schenk Elementary, \$21,082

## **Manitowoc School District**

Jefferson Elementary, \$20,830

## **Menasha School District**

Gegan Elementary, \$18,774  
Jefferson Elementary, \$10,141

## **Menominee Indian School District**

Keshena Primary, \$18,272

## **Menomonie Area School District**

River Heights Elementary, \$18,874

## **MILWAUKEE AREA**

Academy of Learning and  
Leadership, \$19,627  
Atlas Preparatory Academy, \$17,870  
Emmaus Lutheran Grade, \$8,133  
Greater Holy Temple  
Christian, \$37,142  
Messmer Preparatory, \$20,731  
Saint Adalbert Grade, \$23,943  
Saint Anthony School, \$52,652  
Saint Leo Catholic, \$8,434  
Saint Rose Catholic, \$8,886

## **Milwaukee Public Schools**

Cass Street Elementary, \$19,125  
Clemens Elementary, \$18,171  
Franklin Elementary, \$19,376  
Goodrich Elementary, \$16,666  
Hawley Road Elementary, \$16,615  
Holmes Elementary, \$20,078  
Keefe Avenue Elementary, \$18,623  
MacDowell Montessori, \$25,650  
Mitchell Elementary, \$39,753  
Rogers Street Academy, \$29,715  
Siefert Elementary, \$15,210  
Thurston Wood Elementary, \$23,291  
Wheatley Elementary, \$9,790  
Westside Academy II, \$33,178

## **Northwood School District**

Northwood Elementary, \$8,635

## **Oneida Nation School System**

Oneida Nation Elementary, \$19,878

## **Osseo-Fairchild School District**

Fairchild Elementary, \$4,570

## **Richland School District**

Jefferson Elementary, \$6,878

## **Riverdale School District**

Riverdale Elementary, \$10,341

## **Stevens Point Area School District**

James Madison Elementary, \$20,680

## **Tri-County Area School District**

Tri-County Elementary, \$13,051

## **Two Rivers School District**

Koenig Elementary, \$12,450

## **Waukesha School District**

White Rock Elementary, \$17,418

## **Wausau School District**

Lincoln Elementary, \$12,650

## **Wisconsin Rapids School District**

Mead Elementary, \$23,140