

## News Release

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### Schools improving nutrition through Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

*Students eating more and more variety of fruits and vegetables*

MADISON — About 61,000 students across the state are learning more about nutrition and good health while sampling familiar and not so familiar fruits and vegetables through a federal grant program that helps schools bring fresh produce into the classroom.

Wisconsin's \$3.2 million Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant is supporting 169 schools in offering school day snacks to elementary students. Survey comments reinforce the importance of the program. "Kids really look forward to snack time." "It's amazing to see the look on the children's faces when they realized how good these foods can be." "Some students did not know the names or the taste of most of the snacks they received, so that was awesome to see their reactions."

Students had their favorites, including carrots, grapes, strawberries, and sugar snap peas. They also tried less familiar foods such as jicama and beet sticks, broccoli, grapefruit, and starfruit. Because kids are already familiar with a variety of fruits and vegetables through the snack program, more of these items can be incorporated into the regular school breakfast and lunch menus. Another Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program benefit is having children bring their tasting lessons home so families can explore more fruit and vegetable options. The program also complements school garden initiatives across the state, increasing kids' desire to taste what they grow.

"I always like visiting the food service staff at schools," said State Superintendent Tony Evers. "These dedicated individuals make it their mission to serve healthy foods that nourish young bodies so kids are ready to learn. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program helps kids understand where their food comes from, why it's important, and to 'give it a taste; you might like it.' "

The Department of Public Instruction evaluated 240 applications for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, awarding grants to two tribal schools, 20 private schools, and 147 public schools. Schools were awarded funding based on enrollment and will receive approximately \$50 to \$55 per student to purchase additional fresh fruits and vegetables to serve free to students outside of the National School Lunch (NSLP) and School Breakfast

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programs (SBP). Participating schools submit monthly claims to the DPI for reimbursement for fruits and vegetables as well as some limited non-food costs related to running the program.

Eligible schools have 50 percent or more of their students receiving subsidized school meals or an equivalent rate for Community Eligibility Program sites. School applications also included a plan for integrating the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program with other efforts to promote sound health and nutrition.

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### **Additional Resources**

Websites: [Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program](#)  
[Wisconsin Child Nutrition Programs](#)

Video: [“How a School Garden Rocks School Meals”](#)

**NOTES:** A list of schools receiving grants through the 2017-18 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program follows. This news release is available electronically at [https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017\\_91.pdf](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_91.pdf).

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

2017-18 Grant Awards

### Abbotsford School District

Abbotsford Elementary, \$19,403

### Adams-Friendship Area School District

Adams-Friendship Elementary, \$24,557  
 Grand Marsh Elementary, \$9,037  
 Roche A Cri Elementary, \$7,198

### Antigo Unified School District

North Elementary, \$9,017

### Appleton Area School District

Badger Elementary, \$18,748  
 Columbus Elementary, \$8,338  
 Horizons Elementary, \$20,492  
 Jefferson Elementary, \$19,347  
 Lincoln Elementary, \$20,546

### Bayfield School District

Bayfield School, \$8,011

### Beloit School District

Aldrich Intermediate, \$18,040  
 Converse Elementary, \$22,990  
 Cunningham Intermediate, \$22,110  
 Fran Fruzen Intermediate, \$20,460  
 Gaston Elementary, \$20,130  
 Hackett Elementary, \$21,175  
 McNeel Intermediate, \$23,155  
 Merrill Elementary, \$14,025  
 Robinson Elementary, \$26,125  
 Todd Elementary, \$27,995

### Bruce School District

Bruce Elementary, \$10,036

### City of Milwaukee (Charter)

Central City Cyberschool, \$18,200  
 Cyberschool Preschool, \$3,744

### Cornell School District

Cornell Elementary, \$11,227

### Cudahy School District

Kosciuszko Elementary, \$12,900  
 Park View Elementary, \$11,040

### Eau Claire Area School District

Longfellow Elementary, \$13,850  
 Prairie Ridge Early Learning, \$15,717

### Fond du Lac School District

Chegwin Elementary, \$18,447  
 Parkside Elementary, \$13,775  
 Riverside Elementary, \$15,859

### Franklin (Private School)

Indian Community School of Milwaukee, \$17,762

### Green Bay Area Catholic Education Inc.

Saint Thomas More School, \$5,869

### Janesville School District

Adams Elementary, \$17,550  
 Jackson Elementary, \$15,600  
 Jefferson Elementary, \$17,600  
 Lincoln Elementary, \$17,800  
 Madison Elementary, \$23,150  
 Washington Elementary, \$17,500  
 Wilson Elementary, \$14,150

### Kenosha Unified School District

Bose Elementary, \$16,643  
 Brass Community Elementary, \$23,363  
 Edward Bain School of Creative Arts, \$25,515  
 Edward Bain Dual Language, \$16,958  
 Frank Elementary, \$20,843  
 Grant Elementary, \$14,711  
 Grewenow Elementary, \$19,163  
 Jefferson Elementary, \$13,178  
 McKinley Elementary, \$16,222  
 Strange Elementary, \$24,675  
 Vernon Elementary, \$16,328  
 Wilson Elementary, \$10,448

### Lac du Flambeau School District

Lac du Flambeau Elementary, \$25,600

### Madison Metropolitan School District

Allis Elementary, \$26,125  
 Falk Elementary, \$20,210  
 Glendale Elementary, \$27,443

Hawthorne Elementary, \$21,437  
 Lake View Elementary, \$13,698  
 Leopold Elementary, \$36,004  
 Lindbergh Elementary, \$10,154  
 Mendota Elementary, \$17,347  
 Orchard Ridge Elementary, \$18,360  
 Sandburg Elementary, \$25,115  
 Schenk Elementary, \$20,727

### Manitowoc School District

Jefferson Elementary, \$21,418

### Mauston School District

West Side Elementary, \$15,764

### Menasha Joint School District

Banta School, \$8,284  
 Butte des Morts Elementary, \$21,922

### Menominee Indian School District

Keshena Primary School, \$22,974

### Milwaukee (Private Schools)

Atonement Lutheran School, \$17,440

Believers in Christ, \$9,932

Blessed Sacrament, \$9,483

Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School-East Campus, \$5,335

Christ-St. Peter Lutheran School-West Campus, \$7,890

Messmer Catholic Schools  
 Messmer St. Mary, \$24,125  
 Messmer St. Rose, \$24,877

Milwaukee Rescue Mission  
 Cross Trainers Academy, \$9,755

Northwest Catholic School  
 Northwest Catholic-Lower Campus, \$7,145  
 Northwest Catholic-Upper Campus, \$4,978

## Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grants

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Prince of Peace, \$13,033	Longfellow Elementary, \$46,770	<b>Richland School District</b>
Saint Adalbert Grade School, \$25,140	Lowell Elementary, \$14,015	Jefferson Elementary, \$8,580
St. Joseph Academy, \$22,511	MacDowell Montessori School K3-12, \$23,773	<b>Sheboygan Area School District</b>
St. Marcus Lutheran School, \$39,240	Maple Tree Elementary, \$16,260	Jefferson Elementary, \$21,091
St. Marcus North Campus (ECC), \$12,535	Metcalf Elementary, \$15,290	Longfellow Elementary, \$22,999
St. Rafael the Archangel School-North, \$600	Milwaukee Academy of Chinese Language, \$24,737	Sheridan Elementary, \$15,260
St. Rafael the Archangel School-South, \$982	Milwaukee Environmental Science Academy, \$20,587	<b>Tri-County Area School District</b>
Victory Christian Academy, \$6,600	Milwaukee French Immersion School, \$30,004	Tri-County Elementary, \$14,643
<b>Milwaukee Public Schools</b>	Milwaukee Parkside School, \$43,120	<b>University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Charter)</b>
ALBA, \$25,901	Milwaukee Sign Language Elementary, \$28,805	School for Early Development & Achievement, \$5,450
Allen-Field Elementary, \$34,942	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion II, \$14,179	<b>Watertown Unified School District</b>
Auer Avenue Elementary, \$14,109	Milwaukee Spanish Immersion School, \$14,203	Schurz Elementary, \$15,912
Barbee Elementary, \$17,883	Ninety-Fifth Street Elementary, \$20,399	<b>Waukesha School District</b>
Bethune Academy, \$27,994	Obama SCTE, \$16,836	Blair Elementary School, \$20,461
Brown Street Academy, \$17,875	Parkview Elementary, \$24,126	Whittier Elementary School, \$14,625
Bruce Elementary, \$11,040	River Trail Elementary, \$24,361	<b>West Allis School District</b>
Clarke Street Elementary, \$16,860	Rogers Street Academy, \$34,143	Franklin Elementary, \$19,240
Clement Avenue Elementary, \$23,291	Siefert Elementary, \$15,743	Horace Mann Elementary, \$26,208
Craig Montessori School, \$23,056	Starms Discovery School, \$17,883	Jefferson Elementary, \$29,588
Doerfler Elementary, \$37,125	Starms Early Childhood, \$15,649	Longfellow Elementary, \$15,028
Emerson Elementary, \$14,673	Story Elementary, \$21,798	Pershing Elementary, \$14,300
Engleburg Elementary, \$17,985	Stuart Elementary, \$16,354	<b>Wisconsin Rapids School District</b>
Forest Home Elementary, \$39,269	Thurston Woods Elementary, \$22,362	Mead Elementary Charter School, \$20,576
Franklin Elementary, \$17,612	Townsend Street Elementary, \$16,578	
Gaenslen Elementary, \$41,841	Westside Academy I, \$14,015	
Grant Elementary, \$34,425	Wisconsin Conservatory of Lifelong Learning, \$18,306	
Grantosa Drive Elementary, \$33,120	<b>Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin</b>	
Greenfield Bilingual, \$34,660	Menominee Tribal School, \$10,800	
Hampton Elementary, \$11,593	<b>Northwood School District</b>	
Hartford Avenue Elementary, \$32,601	Northwood School, \$8,085	
Hawley Environmental School, \$19,564	<b>Oneida Nation School System</b>	
Hawthorne Elementary, \$16,072	Oneida Nation Elementary, \$16,461	
Hayes Bilingual School, \$34,540	<b>Oshkosh Area School District</b>	
Hopkins Lloyd Elementary, \$15,049	Jefferson Elementary, \$8,996	
IDEAL, \$18,535	<b>Racine School District</b>	
Jackson Elementary, \$17,283	Dr. Jones Elementary, \$20,224	
Keefe Avenue Elementary, \$15,070	Goodland Elementary, \$18,865	
La Causa Charter School, \$44,559	Johnson Elementary, \$29,373	
LaFollette Elementary, \$10,946	Julian Thomas Elementary, \$29,260	
Lancaster Elementary, \$14,626	Knapp Elementary, \$17,287	