

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



Allowable and Unallowable Items in the FFVP

ALLOWABLE ITEMS*	UNALLOWABLE ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Costs (wages & salaries for staff labor spent on financial reporting, writing menus, coordinating nutrition education activities) • Allowable equipment** (refrigerators, coolers, kiosks, carts) • BOCES fee • Condiments can only be served with <i>vegetables</i>. • Cooked fresh vegetables must be limited to service once a week and must always include nutrition education. • Delivery fees • Fresh Cactus • Fresh Figs • Low-fat***, yogurt-based dip****, or non-fat dips for <i>vegetables only</i> • Non-food items such as serving bowls, napkins, trays, trash bags, gloves. • Operational Costs (fresh produce, wages & salaries for physical staff labor) • Raw garlic or whole bulb garlic • Transportation or fuel costs • Whole or pre-sliced fresh fruits and vegetables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beans • Candies or marshmallow • Carbonated fruit • Coconut in any form • Decorative items or décor • Dips for fruit or cottage cheese • Edamame • Edible flowers • Fruit or vegetable pizza • Fruit that has been injected with flavorings. • Fruit baskets • Fruit or vegetable juice • Fruit mixes or salads preserved in water or juices. • Fruit leather or jellied fruit • Fruit seeds or vegetable seeds • Ginger root • Grapples • Herbs (Mint, Thai Basil, Cilantro, etc.) • Nut butters or nuts • Nutrition education materials • Peanut Butter • Pickles • Popcorn • Processed or preserved fruits and vegetables (i.e., canned, frozen, vacuum-packed, or dried). • Sending fruits/vegetables home • Serving FFVP outside of school hours • Smoothies • Trail mixes • Yogurt

*Allowable items are whole or sliced fresh fruits and vegetables that are prepared in a way that makes them easily recognizable.

**Equipment purchases exceeding \$250.00 must receive CDE approval prior to purchase. The cost of equipment must be prorated if used in other child nutrition programs. Use the [FFVP Equipment Justification Form](#)

Low fat means items that are less than 3g fat per serving. *Dips are only allowable for vegetables and must not exceed a serving size of 1 to 2 tablespoons.

