

# Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



## Allowable and Unallowable Items in the FFVP

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

\*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.

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