

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS

A Host of Benefits For Our State!

Good for Kids' Health and Learning

- Well-fed children perform better in school
- Improved nutrition means fewer sick days and better behavior
- School meals are a place to develop healthy eating habits

Good for the Economy

- Healthier children become healthier adults
- Healthy, well-fed children translate into lower healthcare costs and improved performance in our knowledge economy

Good for Making Schools a More Welcoming Place

- Universal meals mean no child is labeled 'low-income'
- Reduced stigma leads to wider participation in school meals



Two USDA Pathways to Funding Universal School Meals

Provision 2:

This long-standing provision is available to any school for providing breakfast, lunch, or both at no charge. Reimbursement is based on meal participation rates at the time the school enrolls.

Community Eligibility Provision:

This new provision provides breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. Reimbursement is based on the percentage of categorically eligible students (children in households receiving 3SquaresVT or Reach Up; foster, homeless, and migrant children; children in Head Start)



Watch the Universal Meals video and learn more about these provisions by visiting www.hungerfreevt.org/school-meals-hub/

DISTRICTS/SCHOOLS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN UNIVERSAL MEALS (2017–2018)

Barre City Supervisory Union Barre City Elementary & Middle School Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union

Currier Memorial School

Burlington School District C.P. Smith Elementary Essential Early Education Center Hunt Middle School Integrated Arts Academy J.J. Flynn Elementary ONTOP/Horizon School Sustainability Academy

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union Walden School

Caledonia North Supervisor Union Sutton Village School

Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union Concord Graded School Lunenburg & Gilman Schools

Franklin Central Supervisory Union St. Albans City Elementary

Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union Berkshire Elementary Enosburg Elementary Richford Elementary Richford Junior-Senior High School

Grand Isle Supervisory Union Alburg Community Education Center Isle La Motte School

Lamoille North Supervisory Union

Eden Central School Johnson Elementary

North Country Supervisory Union Brighton Elementary Charleston Elementary Coventry Village School Holland Elementary Lowell Graded School Newport City Elementary Troy School

Orange East Supervisory Union Waits River Valley Union School

Schools at risk of losing their Universal Meals Program

Orleans Central Supervisory Union

Albany Community School Barton Graded School Brownington Central School Irasburg Village School Orleans Elementary

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union Lakeview Union School Wolcott Elementary

Rutland City School District Northeast Primary School Northwest Elementary School Rutland Intermediate School Rutland Middle School

Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union Bennington Elementary Early Education Program Molly Stark School Monument Elementary Mt. Anthony Middle School Mt. Anthony Union High School On Point Elementary Pownal Elementary Shaftsbury Elementary Woodford Hollow School

St. Johnsbury School District St. Johnsbury School

Washington Northeast Supervisory Union Cabot School (P2) Twinfield Union School (P2)

Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Academy School Green Street School Oak Grove School

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union Readsboro Elementary

Winooski School District

The Family Center John F. Kennedy School Winooski Middle School Winooski High School

Independent/Private Schools & Education Programs

Choice Academy (Barre, VT) Kindle Farm School (Newfane, VT) Laraway School (Johnson, VT) Sacred Heart School (Bennington, VT) Sheldon Academy-Vermont Achievement Center