



Every student. Every meal. Every school.

# Learning is the student's responsibility. Making sure they have what they need to learn is our responsibility.

In Vermont we have committed to providing all students with an equitable education, and our public schools with equitable funding to provide all students with the resources they need to learn and thrive—except when it comes to the most basic resource of food.



## Universal school meals mean that every student can eat at school every day

Children's healthy development depends upon proper nutrition throughout their growing years. Nourishing meals must be an integral part of every student's school day to support adequate brain development and academic learning. We acknowledge the importance of healthy food and proper nutrition to the development of children and youth and believe the community must share the responsibility of providing universal school meals to support the learning process of all students.

No student should learn what hunger feels like at school, but far too many students are experiencing hunger at school on a regular basis. **42% Vermont children in food insecure households are not eligible for free school meals, and their families are not eligible for 3SquaresVT.** Many more students aren't eating because eating school meals is associated with being a "poor kid." This stigma and shame also keeps many families from filling out school meal applications in the first place.

**24% of Vermont public schools already provide universal school meals to over 16,000 students. It's time to make sure that this key resource for learning and health is distributed equitably to all Vermont public schools.**

64% of the schools currently providing universal school meals were able to purchase more local food as a result. If all public schools in Vermont were providing universal meals, about 6.9 million additional meals would be served to students each year—a 60% increase from the number being served now. That means about \$10 million more in federal funds going to schools to order more food from local farms.





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78 Vermont schools are currently providing universal school meals to over 17,000 students.

#### 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

Cabot School (P2)  
Twinfield Union School (P2)

#### Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union

Bakersfield (P2)  
Berkshire Elementary (P2)  
Enosburg Elementary  
Enosburg Middle/High (P2)  
Richford Elementary  
Richford Junior-Senior High School  
Montgomery (P2)

#### Grand Isle Supervisory Union

Alburgh Community Education Center  
Isle La Motte School

#### Maple Run Unified School District

SOAR Learning Center  
St. Albans City Elementary

#### North Country Supervisory Union

Coventry Village School (P2)  
Newport City Elementary

#### Orange East Supervisory Union

Waits River Valley Union School (P2)

#### Orleans Central Supervisory Union

Albany Community School  
Barton Graded School  
Brownington Central School  
COFEC Head Start  
Glover Community School  
Irasburg Village School  
Orleans Elementary

#### Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

Lakeview Union School

#### Rutland City School District

Northeast Elementary School  
Northwest Elementary School  
Rutland Intermediate/ Middle School  
Success School- Allen Street Campus  
Pierpont Primary Learning Center  
AEP on Grove Street

#### 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

#### Slate Valley Union School District

Benson Village School (P2)  
Castleton Elementary School (P2)  
Castleton Village School (P2)  
Fair Haven Grade School (P2)  
Fair Haven Union High School (P2)  
Orwell Village School (P2)

#### St. Johnsbury Town School District

St. Johnsbury School

#### Windham Central Supervisory Union

Jamaica Village School (P2)  
Leland & Gray High School (P2)  
Newbrook Elementary (P2)  
Townshend Elementary School (P2)

#### Windham Southeast Supervisory Union

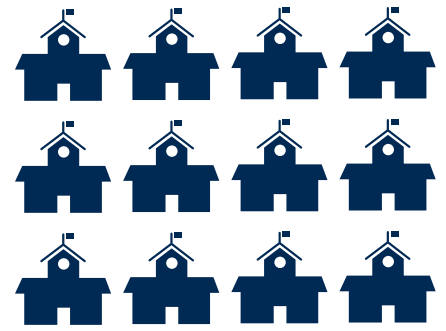
Academy School  
Brattleboro UHS #6 (P2)  
Green Street School  
Oak Grove School

#### Winooski School District

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

#### Independent/Private Schools & Education Programs

Baird School (Burlington, VT)  
Centerpoint School (Winooski, VT)  
Choice Academy (Barre, VT)  
King Street Youth Center (Burlington, VT)  
Laraway School (Johnson, VT)  
Sacred Heart School (Bennington, VT)  
Vermont Achievement Center (Rutland, VT)  
Turning Points School (Morgan, VT)  
YouthBuild (Burlington, VT)



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have stopped providing universal school meals.

A slight decrease in qualifying students made them ineligible for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

#### Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Walden School

#### Kingdom East Supervisory Union

Concord School  
Gilman Middle School  
Lunenburg Elementary School  
Sutton Village School

#### Lamoille North Supervisory Union

Eden Central School  
Johnson Elementary

#### North Country Supervisory Union

Brighton Elementary  
Charleston Elementary\*  
Lowell Graded School  
Troy School\*

#### Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union

Wolcott Elementary

#### Windham Southwest Supervisory Union

Readsboro Elementary

\*still offering universal breakfast, but not lunch

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