

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program (FFVP) School Selection Criteria

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School Selection Criteria Section 19 of the National School Lunch Act requires that schools with the highest free and reduced price enrollment be given priority for participation in the FFVP. This is the key selection criterion, which ensures that the Program benefits low-income children that generally have fewer opportunities to consume fresh fruits and vegetables on a regular basis.

To determine the schools with the highest free and reduced price enrollment, KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness uses the Free and Reduced Price Percentages listed in the KSDE Principals' Building Report based upon September 20th data.

To be selected for the FFVP, a school must: be an elementary school, represent the highest percentage of students certified for free and reduced price benefits, participate in the NSLP and complete an annual application for the FFVP.

The application review process must select schools representing the highest percent of students certified for free and reduced price benefits. KSDE can choose not to select a high need school if the School fails to meet the deadline for application completion, the School does not have the support of its administration, KSDE has concerns with the school's administration of another child nutrition program and/or KSDE believes the school cannot properly operate the FFVP, despite multiple technical assistance and training provided and documented by KSDE Child Nutrition & Wellness. See response matrix for detailed procedures:

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Findings and Response Matrix

Finding	KSDE Actions
Lacks Administrative Support	<p>First Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule meeting with School Administrator(s) and discuss program requirements. • Document technical assistance on FFVP Program Requirements <p>Second Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document continued FFVP Program Noncompliance • Provide notice of ineligibility for the next program year
Significant Review Findings and/or Fiscal Action from a CNP Administrative Review but No Concerns with FFVP Implementation	<p>First Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule meeting with CNP Authorized Representative to discuss review findings/fiscal action and impact of noncompliance in one CNP with the ability to continue to operate the FFVP. • Review Corrective Action Plans with CNW Consultant and once accepted and repayment received allow FFVP participation in the next PY. <p>Second Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document continued CNP Program Noncompliance and provide notice of ineligibility for the next program year

<p>Greater than 50% FFVP Funds Returned</p>	<p>First Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call FFVP Program Contact and provide technical assistance throughout the current program year to fully implement the program. • Document technical assistance calls and visits. <p>Second Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document continued technical assistance but still a return of more than 50% of awarded funds • Provide notice of ineligibility for the next program year
<p>Inadequate Operation of the FFVP</p>	<p>First Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule meeting with School Administrator(s) and FFVP Contact and discuss Administrative Review findings and/or FFVP Review. • Document technical assistance calls and/or visits on FFVP Program Requirements <p>Second Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document continued FFVP Program Noncompliance • Provide notice of ineligibility for the next program year
<p>Other</p>	<p>First Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule meeting with School Administrator(s), Authorized Representative and FFVP Contact and discuss program requirements. • Document technical assistance calls/or visits on FFVP Program Requirements <p>Second Occurrence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Document continued FFVP Program Noncompliance • Provide notice of ineligibility for the next program year

Each FFVP applicant is scored based upon the criteria listed in the FFVP Application. Disqualification would be considered only if the applicant scores at high risk and/or meets one of the criteria in the grid above.