



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** National School Lunch Program Sponsors

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**DATE:** April 16, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant Application Now Available

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The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is pleased to announce the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant application is now available on the ADE website for the 2012-2013 school year. The FFVP provides funding to Arizona schools for the purpose of providing a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to their students throughout the school day.

The goals of the FFVP are to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, expanding the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increasing children's fruit and vegetable consumption and making a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

Arizona will receive approximately \$3.27 million from USDA to distribute to Arizona schools. The amount of funds allocated to each school will be based on school enrollment. The per student allocation will be between \$50-\$75 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Schools must meet the following criteria in order to apply for the FFVP:

- Participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Schools must comply with federal and state guidelines for operating the program.
- Be an elementary school. The definition of an elementary school is any school that serves lunch to students in grades Preschool through 8.
- Have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free or reduced-price meals. The highest priority is given to schools with the highest percentage of low-income students to the maximum extent practicable.
- Submit an application for each site that is interested in participating.



**To determine if your school(s) is/are eligible to apply for the FFVP based on October 2011 Free and Reduced-Price Percentages** please view the Free and Reduced-Price Percentage Report at: <http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/frpercentages/>

The FFVP grant application is located on the Arizona Department of Education's website at: <http://www.azed.gov/health-nutrition/nsfp/fresh-fruit-program/>

**Completed applications must be postmarked by 5:00PM Friday, May 11, 2012 to be considered.**

For questions regarding the FFVP, please contact Jennifer Gordon by phone at (602) 542-8704 or by email at [Jennifer.Gordon@azed.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Gordon@azed.gov)

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