

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.





**77 Vermont schools
are currently providing
universal school meals
to over 16,400 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

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

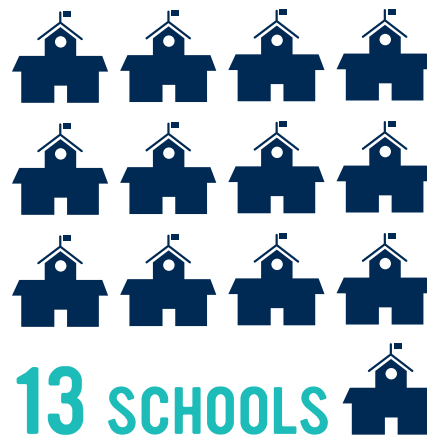
Academy School
Brattleboro UHS #6 (P2)
Green Street School
Oak Grove School

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)
Sheldon Academy-Vermont Achievement Center
Turning Points School (Morgan, VT)
YouthBuild (Burlington, VT)



**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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