Child Hunger Hero Award

Partner Engagement Survey

The Child Hunger Hero award program recognizes school districts and community partners making outstanding contributions to food security through their operation of child nutrition programs within Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank's service area. Closing the meal gap will be impossible to achieve without a robust group of engaged partners like you.

Complete the following Partner Engagement Survey to report on your school district's child nutrition and food security efforts. Read through each row and in the final column, click the box to indicate which standards are applicable for your school district for summer 2021 and school year 2020-2021. Click on just one subpoint per row unless stated otherwise.

After completion, save the Partner Engagement Survey and email it to partnership@pittsburghfoodbank.org. The Child Nutrition Team at the Food Bank will notify you of the results in January and will provide bronze, silver, or gold level awards to partners who exhibit exceptional service.

Today's Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

School District: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.

Standard	Description	Sub points (if applicable)	Click box next to which applies to your school district
Sponsors Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO)	The school district sponsors SFSP or SSO during the summer months while school is out.	Sponsors 3 or more open sites	☐
		Sponsors one or two open sites	☐
		Sponsors only closed sites	☐
Sponsors Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	The school district sponsors one or more at-risk afterschool program sites during the school year.	Sponsors unaffiliated sites located in the community only or in addition to affiliated sites within schools	☐
		Sponsors affiliated sites located within schools only	☐
Operates a school-based pantry	The school district makes additional food (beyond school meals) available to students through a school-based pantry	School pantry is open to students/families during school hours	☐
		School pantry has weekly designated times for food pickup	☐
		School pantry has monthly designated times for food pickup	☐

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Operates an alternative breakfast model	The school district operates one of the alternative breakfast models in at least one school building within the district.	Check all that apply: ○ Breakfast in the Classroom ○ Grab & Go ○ Second Chance	☐ ☐ ☐
Operates alternative breakfast models in more than one school building within the district	The school district operates alternative breakfast models in more than one school building within the district.	In every school within district	☐
		In most schools within district or all schools with 50% or more of their students who qualify for free and reduced price meals.	☐
		In some schools within district	☐
Offers free meals	The school district provides free meals to all students either through Universal Free Meals or Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	Universal Free Meals district-wide	☐
		Universal Free Meals at some schools within district	☐
		CEP district-wide	☐
		CEP at some schools within district	☐
Offers a weekend meal/backpack program (often organized by guidance office)	The school district offers weekend meals/backpacks over the weekend while school is in session or over the summer.	Operates a weekend meal/backpack program	☐
		Partners with outside organization to operate a weekend meal/backpack program (often PTO is involved)	☐
Participates in the NSLP Afterschool Snack Service	The school district operates an afterschool snack service through reimbursement from the USDA and agreements with PDE.	Operates program in multiple schools	☐
		Operates program in one school	☐
Operates a SFSP/SSO site	The school district operates a SFSP or SSO site at their location or using their staff during the summer months while school is out.	Operates 3 or more open sites	☐
		Operates one or two open sites	☐
		Operates only closed sites	☐
Operates a CACFP site	The school district operates a CACFP at-risk afterschool meal program at their location or using their staff during the school year.	Operates 2 or more sites	☐
		Operates 1 site	☐
Participates in Summer Food Task Force Meetings	The school district attends summer task force meetings held by Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. These meetings are held between January and September.	Attends more than one Summer Food Task Force Meeting	☐
		Attends Summer Food Task Force Meetings at least once a year	☐

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Meets at least one time with Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator from Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	The school district agrees to meet with the Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator assigned to their region to discuss programs being offered, increasing participation, etc.	Follows up with coordinator about what was discussed	☐
		Meets with coordinator	☐
Actively promotes any available food resources for youth and families (often organized by guidance office)	The school district works as a resource guide to food assistance programs (food pantries, WIC, drive-up distributions, Green Grocer, CSFP) for youth and families	Works with food assistance programs to develop on-site outreach opportunities	☐
		Maintains a current list of available resources in print and online and makes it available to the public	☐

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Offers a variety of main meal options for CACFP and/or SFSP/SSO meals	The school district offers a variety of main meal options on their CACFP and/or SFSP/SSO menu.	Two-week or more meal cycle (11+ main meal options)	☐
		More than one-week menu cycle (6-10 main meal options)	☐
		One-week meal cycle (5 main meal options)	☐
Performs SNAP outreach	The school district performs SNAP outreach through utilizing SNAP outreach materials to those participating in their child nutrition program.	Check all that apply: ○ Distributes SNAP flyer, letter, or email ○ Utilizes robocalls or texts ○ Posts SNAP information on website or social media	☐ ☐ ☐
Promotes SFSP/SSO	The school district promotes SFSP/SSO using marketing materials, promotional items, robocalls or texts, a website or social media for their open sites.	Check all that apply: ○ Utilizes Summer Youth Cafe marketing materials or own materials ○ Utilizes Summer Youth Cafe promo items ○ Utilizes robocalls or texts ○ Posts about SFSP/SSO on social media multiple times ○ Posts about SFSP/SSO on website or social media one time	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐
Promotes school breakfast	The school district promotes school breakfast using marketing materials, promotional items and gift cards, robocalls or texts, a website in addition to posting the school breakfast menu, or social media.	Check all that apply: ○ Utilizes School Breakfast flyers ○ Utilizes promotional items and gift cards ○ Utilizes robocalls or texts ○ Posts about school breakfast on social media multiple times ○ Posts about school breakfast on website or social media one time	☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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Offers a variety of meal types for CACFP and/or SFSP/SSO meals	The school district offers a variety of types of meals served at out-of-school time programs. For SFSP/SSO, at least two meal types are available (out of breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper). For CACFP, suppers are provided and not just snacks.	☐
Offers both cold and hot food items for CACFP and/or SFSP/SSO meals	The school district offers both cold and hot food items for the CACFP and/or SFSP/SSO meals.	☐
Makes nutrition information of meals available	The school district makes the nutrition information available to participants via website, handout, or poster.	☐
Collects feedback from youth to determine food preferences	The school district seeks to increase food access to youth by systematically collecting data and incorporating preferences into menu plans including organizing a student group that focuses on this effort.	☐
Serves as a host site for a food distribution event	The school district partners with the Food Bank as a host site for a regular or one time food distribution (P2P, drive-up distribution, etc).	☐
Operates mobile feeding program for SFSP/SSO	The school district operates a mobile feeding program as part of the SFSP/SSO program.	☐
Provides activities to increase participation at open SFSP/SSO sites	The school district provides activities for at least half of their open sites during or near meal times by partnering with outside organizations or offering special activities themselves that actively engage participants (e.g. not just making activity supplies available).	☐
Promotes school breakfast through National School Breakfast Week (NSBW)	The school district participates in NSBW by promoting school breakfast through special menu items, raffles, giveaways, guest servers, announcements, etc.	☐
Offers nutrition education to youth	The school district provides nutrition education or actively partners with outside organizations to provide nutrition education to youth.	☐
Implements promotions to increase participation at SFSP/SSO sites	The school district implements promotions such as raffles, giveaways or a kick-off event to increase participation for at least half of their SFSP/SSO open sites	☐
Maintains a community garden	The school district maintains a community garden as part of a child nutrition program (SFSP/SSO, CACFP, NSLP, SBP, backpack program, school pantry)	☐

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Offers a share table	The school district offers “Share tables” at at least half of their sites. Youth may return whole food or beverage items and these items are available to other youth who may want additional servings.	☐
Receives the School NEWS-trition newsletter	The school district registers for an annual subscription of the School NEWS-trition newsletter	☐
Fundraises for a food insecurity initiative	The school district participates in fundraising for GPCFB, local pantry, or other food insecurity initiative	☐
Participates in other local food policy and/or action group	The school district participates in a local food policy or action group	☐
Engages youth directly in hunger initiatives	The school district operator engages youth directly in hunger initiatives through volunteer opportunities or promotional activities such as a poster or video contest.	☐
Participates in the USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program	Eligible school districts encourage increased consumption of fresh produce among youth through participation in the USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program	☐
Participates in Farm to School program	The school district received a Farm to School grant for the current school year to implement a Farm to School initiative	☐
Participates in Farm to CACFP, Farm to Summer, or incorporates local foods into menu	The school district incorporates local foods and agriculture-based activities into SFSP, CACFP or other child nutrition program.	☐

Additional comments or questions regarding the assessment:

Thank you for completing the Partner Engagement Survey. Our Child Nutrition Outreach Team is prepared to help you learn more about available Child Nutrition Programs that could benefit kids and families in your district so please let us know if you are interested in expanding your programs or looking for ways to improve your current programs and we would be happy to help.