

# Child Hunger Hero Award

## School Partner Engagement Survey



The Child Hunger Hero award program recognizes school districts and community sponsors within Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank’s 11-county service area making outstanding contributions to address student food insecurity. Ending childhood hunger 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 **last school year 2022-2023 and summer 2023**. Click on just one subpoint per row unless stated otherwise.

After completion, save the Partner Engagement Survey and email it to [childnutrition@pittsburghfoodbank.org](mailto:childnutrition@pittsburghfoodbank.org) with a photo of your staff and/or a photo that highlights your food service operation. The Child Nutrition Team at the Food Bank will notify you of the results in December 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.](#)

County: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

# of Food Service Staff including you: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

Standard	Description	Sub points (if applicable)	Click the box that applies to your school district
In School Meals			
1. Offers free meals	The school district provides free breakfast and lunch to all students through Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)	CEP district-wide	<input type="checkbox"/>
		CEP at some schools within district	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. 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	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		In most schools within district or all schools with 50% or more of their students who qualify for free and reduced price meals.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		In some schools within district	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Promotes school breakfast	The school district promotes school breakfast using	Check all that apply: o Utilizes School Breakfast flyers	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	marketing materials, promotional items and gift cards, robocalls or texts, a website in addition to posting the school breakfast menu, or social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Utilizes promotional items and gift cards</li> <li>○ Utilizes robocalls or texts</li> <li>○ Posts about school breakfast on social media multiple times</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <input type="checkbox"/>
5. 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.		<input type="checkbox"/>
6. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
7. 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		<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Participates in PA Harvest of the Month	Utilizes and promotes the local agricultural product of the month		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Afterschool Meals</b>			
9. Sponsors Child Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	The school district sponsors one or more at-risk afterschool program sites during the school year.	Sponsors afterschool meals at locations other than or in addition to their own school's program	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sponsors afterschool meals ONLY for their school's program	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Operates a CACFP site	The school district operates a CACFP at-risk afterschool meal program at their location or utilizes their staff at a host location during the school year.	Operates 2 or more sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Operates 1 site	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Operates program in one school	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Uses building for another organization's afterschool meal program	The school district partners with another organization who uses their building to host an afterschool program including a CACFP dinner or snack		<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Utilizes school district funds to pay for afterschool meal or snack	The school district does not participate in/qualify for CACFP or afterschool NSLP snacks, but provides an afterschool meal or snack out of its own operating budget		<input type="checkbox"/>

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Summer Food		
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14. Sponsors summer food	The school district sponsors Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) or Seamless Summer Option (SSO) during the summer months	Sponsors 10 or more open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sponsors 5 to 9 open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sponsors 2 to 4 open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sponsors one open site or only closed sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Operates a summer food site	The school district operates a summer food site at their location or utilizes their staff at a host location during the summer months.	Operates 3 or more open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Operates one or two open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Operates only closed sites	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Promotes summer food	The school district promotes summer food using marketing materials, promotional items, robocalls or texts, a website or social media for their open sites.	Check all that apply: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="834 989 1317 1104">○ Utilizes Summer Youth Cafe marketing materials or own materials <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li data-bbox="834 1104 1317 1220">○ Utilizes Summer Youth Cafe promo items <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li data-bbox="834 1220 1317 1335">○ Utilizes robocalls or texts <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li data-bbox="834 1335 1317 1373">○ Posts about summer food on social media multiple times <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>	
17. Operates summer food in a unique way	The organization sponsors at least one rural non-congregate site or runs a mobile program where meals are distributed to kids at various stops along an established route in a community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
18. Provides activities to increase participation at open summer food 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).	<input type="checkbox"/>	
19. Implements promotions to increase participation at summer food sites	The school district implements promotions such as raffles, giveaways or a kick-off event to increase participation for at least half of their summer food open sites	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Additional Food Resources for Families		
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20. 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.	School staff operate a weekend meal/backpack program	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Weekend meal/backpack program is offered at school district by another organization	<input type="checkbox"/>

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21. 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
		School pantry has weekly designated times for food pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>
		School pantry has monthly designated times for food pickup	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Distributes SNAP flyer, letter, or email</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Utilizes robocalls or texts</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Posts SNAP information on website or social media</li> </ul>	
23. 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, food distributions, senior boxes) for youth and families		<input type="checkbox"/>
24. Serves as a host site for a food distribution event	The school district is a host site for a regular or one time food distribution (food pantry, drive-up distribution, etc).		<input type="checkbox"/>
25. Offers nutrition education to youth	The school district provides nutrition education or actively partners with outside organizations to provide nutrition education to youth.		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Meal Quality</b>			
26. Offers a variety of main meal options afterschool and/or summer meals	Two-week or more meal cycle (11+ main meal options)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	More than one-week menu cycle (6-10 main meal options)		<input type="checkbox"/>
	One-week meal cycle (5 main meal options)		<input type="checkbox"/>
27. Offers a variety of meal types for afterschool and/or summer meals	For summer, at least two meal types are available (out of breakfast, lunch, snack, and supper). For afterschool, suppers are provided and not just snacks.		<input type="checkbox"/>
28. Offers both cold and hot food items for afterschool and/or summer meals	The school district offers both cold and hot food items for the afterschool and/or summer meals.		<input type="checkbox"/>
29. Makes nutrition information of meals available	The school district makes the nutrition information available to participants via website, handout, or poster.		<input type="checkbox"/>
30. 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.		<input type="checkbox"/>
31. 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)		<input type="checkbox"/>

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32. 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
33. 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 afterschool, summer or other child nutrition program.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Engagement with Food Security</b>		
34. Meets at least one time with Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator from Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	The school district meets with the Child Nutrition Outreach Coordinator assigned to their region to discuss programs being offered, increasing participation, etc. and follows up with coordinator about what was discussed	<input type="checkbox"/>
35. Hosts fundraiser or food drive	The school district participates in fundraising for a food pantry, food bank, or other initiative or collects food for a food drive	<input type="checkbox"/>
36. Participates in other local food policy and/or action group	The school district participates in a local food policy or action group	<input type="checkbox"/>
37. 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Share one highlight of your school district’s efforts to feed kids:

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.