



Healthy School Food

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Healthy School Food Maryland is a coalition of organizations and businesses in Maryland working for whole, real, local and safe foods for children in Maryland school cafeterias.

School Food Environment Grades

Our primary project is a program to grade the school food and wellness environment in the 24 public school districts in Maryland. Our rubric includes grades on consistent access to potable water; use of local produce and farm-to-school programs; policies prohibiting artificial colors, flavors and other chemicals in school food; access to healthier vending options both during and outside of the school day; existence, transparency and power of a district-level standing wellness committee or its equivalent; policies and practices to reduce sugar in school food; transparency about school foods; amount of scratch cooking; variety and repetition of meals; policies about marketing of foods of minimal nutritional value in school; and the existence and quality of cut up fruit and salad bars. The first set of grades was issued in 2016.

In 2014 and 2015, Healthy School Food Maryland pursued statewide legislation related to school food, but is not currently pursuing statewide legislation. All partners will be asked before using their organization's name on any future legislative efforts.

Current Coalition Partners

Brickyard Educational Farm
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Coalition Halting Obesity in Children Everywhere (CHOICE)
Crossroads Community Food Network
Donte's Boxing Gym
Glen Haven Elementary School PTA
GrowingSoul
Healthy Kinder, Inc.
Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education,
Recreation and Dance

Maryland Environmental Health Network
Maryland Public Health Association
Montgomery County Food Council
Prince George's County Food Equity Council
Real Food for Kids - Montgomery
Safe Grow Montgomery
Start School Later- Healthy Hours
Student Section of the Maryland Public Health Association
Young Activist Club

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