



Healthy School Food

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

School Food Environment Grades

Our primary project for 2016-2017 is a program to grade the school food in the 24 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 and transparency about 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 salad bars. The first set of grades will be issued in fall of 2016.

In 2014 and 2015, Healthy School Food Maryland pursued statewide legislation related to school food. We will not be pursuing any in 2016, and all partners will be asked before using their organization's name on any future legislative efforts.

Current Coalition Partners

Brickyard Educational Farm	Maryland Public Health Association
Center for Science in the Public Interest	Montgomery County Food Council
Coalition Halting Obesity in Children Everywhere (CHOICE)	Montgomery Victory Gardens
Crossroads Community Food Network	Prince George's County Food Equity Council
Donte's Boxing Gym	Real Food for Kids - Montgomery
Glen Haven Elementary School PTA	Safe Grow Montgomery
GrowingSoul	Start School Later- Healthy Hours
Healthy Kinder, Inc.	Student Section of the Maryland Public Health Association
Maryland Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance	UMB Center for Integrative Medicine, Food and Community Health Program
Maryland Environmental Health Network	Young Activist Club

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