



# Why Should All Kids Have Free Meals At School?

## School meals for all can...



Provide school nutrition professionals certainty and funding to plan and deliver nourishing meals to students.



Promote student health, increase attendance, and lead to improved academic outcomes.



Foster a sense of community in the cafeteria where all students have opportunities to learn about food.

**“** When the students returned to school after months of remote learning, our service members helped create a culture of connectedness in the cafeteria where school meals are provided for all at no cost. Students were encouraged to try new foods with taste tests and engage with food in a fun way, through cooking classes and events that celebrate the foods and traditions of the school community. These experiences shape our children's healthy habits for a lifetime.”

— Dawn Crayco, Northeast Policy Director, FoodCorps

## FoodCorps' Impact on Child Well-Being

Based on data from school year 2022–2023.

**353,177** students reached

**237** schools across the nation

**28,266** hands-on lessons taught

**2,629** tastings of nutritious foods



## About FoodCorps

FoodCorps partners with schools and communities to nourish kids' health, education, and sense of community. We use evidence-based tools to provide kids with nourishing meals, food education, and family-driven experiences with food, and we advocate for policies that support every kid's health and well-being. Our goal is that by 2030, every child will have access to food education and nourishing food in school. Learn more at [foodcorps.org](https://www.foodcorps.org).

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