



Participating this year

We understand the school year is going to look different for many folks, but there are still ways your schools can participate whether the students are learning in person or virtually. Either way, we ask that schools send in pictures and videos about what the campaign looks like for their students, families, and school.

Students Learning Remotely

Host a Drive Thru Food Drive

Invite the students and families to drive through with their food donations! This could pair well with students coming by the school to pick up their supplies or say hi to their teachers from a safe distance. Let us know ahead of time, and we will find a partner agency near you that can accept the donation.

Participate in Our Service Area-Wide Virtual Food Drive

This year we are offering a Virtual Food Drive option across our 46 county service area.

Financial donations are crucial at this time, and for every \$1 donated we can provide 4 meals! This is the quickest and easiest way to contribute to the food drive, and it will save you a trip to the store. Since \$1=4 meals, we will factor in the money donated to the Virtual Food Drive to the school's total for the competition

Use the School as Food Drop Site

If possible, the school could have a drop off site for food donations and have designated times that families and students could come by to drop off their donations over the course of a week or two.

Families Drop Off Directly to Partner Agency or Second Harvest

If the school isn't able to organize an event this year, that is okay too! Families can drop off directly to the partner agency their school is paired with or Second Harvest Food Bank. We ask that you check with the partner agency for their donation hours ahead of time. If dropping off to Second Harvest, donations can be made Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. Be SURE to tell the partner agency or Second Harvest the school name for your donation so it can count toward the total for the competition.

Students Learning at School

Students Bring Food to their school

If you've participated in Food 2 Families before, you know the drill! Have students bring their food donations to your school, and you choose when you'd like the drive to occur between **August 25 - October 30**. You can do a competition among classes, assign the campaign to a school club, and teach units on food insecurity so students can learn more about it and how they're part of the solution by participating in this food drive.

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