



Partners for a
Hunger-Free Oregon

Hunger-Free Schools 2017-2019

Partnering with families and schools to enact policy changes that connect more kids to school nutrition in Oregon.

Every child deserves a healthy start in life. School meals help kids learn, grow, and thrive.

The Hunger-Free Schools Campaign seeks to develop policy recommendations and win legislative change in 2019 to put Oregon on the path toward becoming the leader in ensuring every child is well nourished at school.

Each morning, nearly 600,000 kids start their school day across Oregon. Less than half eat school lunch and less than a quarter participate in school breakfast. Yet school meals can ensure all kids, and particularly kids experiencing poverty and hunger, get the nutrition they need to grow up healthy and achieve in school. We have a great opportunity to ensure all kids have access to school nutrition.

92 percent of teachers are concerned about how hunger impacts their students' ability to succeed.

"Hunger in Our Schools", No Kid Hungry, 2017.

Campaign Overview

We believe that by connecting more kids to nutrition programs at schools we can prevent hunger and improve educational outcomes, setting Oregon's kids up for a lifetime of success.

Hunger-Free Schools seeks to standardize and legislate tools that make sure that all kids who need food, get food at school. Our core goals are to increase access to breakfast and encourage more high-poverty schools to feed all students at no charge.

Our campaign includes three primary strategies:

LEARN	Learn more about the current disparities in access to school meals
CONNECT	Connect with education and nutrition stakeholders for policy solutions
ADVOCATE	Advocate for policy improvements that center the experiences of families who utilize school meals

With these strategies, we aim to collectively advocate for state-level changes that create better access to nutritious meals at school.

What will inform the activities and decisions throughout the campaign?

- Our organizational values, including partnership, collaboration and commitment to equity
- Family and student experience and knowledge
- Research about participation, solutions, and policies
- Nutrition and educational stakeholder experience and knowledge

COMBINE AND SHARE EVIDENCE ↓↑

How will this information be collected?

- Community conversations
- Focus groups or in depth interviews
- Questionnaires
- Environmental and data analysis
- Policy review

MAKE DECISIONS

What do we hope to achieve with this campaign?

- More kids connected to school nutrition
- State law ensures food practices, environment, and schedules allow the greatest number of kids to eat school meals
- Pathways are created for greater family involvement in state advocacy and school nutrition programs

Timeline

ACTIVITIES	JAN-MAR 2018	APR-JUN 2018	JUL-SEP 2018	OCT-JUL 2019
Gather and analyze data	■	■		
Implement community and stakeholder input process	■	■		
Present data to stakeholder groups		■		
Synthesize stakeholder input		■		
Make policy recommendations to stakeholder groups		■		
Introduce policy recommendations			■	
Advocate for recommended policy priorities			■	■

About Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon

Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon envisions an Oregon where everyone is healthy and thriving, with access to affordable, nutritious and culturally appropriate food. To bring that vision into reality, we raise awareness about hunger, connect people to nutrition programs, and advocate for systemic changes that end hunger before it begins.

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