

National School Food Program Summary of Year 1 (2024/25) Allocations

In March 2025, the B.C. Government entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada through the National School Food Program (NSFP), providing approximately \$39 million over three years in additional school food program funding to complement Feeding Futures.

Allocation Methodology:

Year 1 (2024/25) of NSFP funding is allocated to school districts in April 2025. Year 1 funding allocations through NSFP are determined based on a socioeconomic status index (SES) for each school within the district. Students with low SES are more likely to experience hunger and to have poorer academic outcomes than their peers. Students living in rural and remote areas of the province are also more likely to have low SES. Allocating funding using an SES model will ensure that federal funding is provided as a targeted top-up where there is likely to be greater need.

ECC constructs the SES index using Canada Census 2021 data in five domains: economic, education, occupation, family, and community. SES index values can be calculated for the province, school district and schools. Districts receive funding based on the enrolment in each school in their districts for which the SES is below the provincial average and how that school compares to the provincial average. For example, a school with SES significantly below the provincial average will generate a higher per-student funding allocation than a school with SES slightly below the provincial average. All districts that have schools with SES below the provincial average will receive National School Food Program funding in 2024/25.

Spending Criteria:

Spending criteria for Year 1 of NSFP funding is the same as Feeding Futures spending criteria, apart from the following:

- Districts may use funds towards major and minor food infrastructure, appliances, or equipment needed to prepare, store, cook, or transport food for programs. Food infrastructure improvements made with NSFP funding must not add square footage to an existing school facility or convert educational classroom space to a kitchen.
- Districts are encouraged to consider that, when using third parties to deliver school food programs and services, NSFP funding supports programs and services that are delivered predominantly by not-for-profit entities.
- Federal funding cannot be used to provide school food programs during school holidays, however funding may be spent in advance of the school year if it supports the delivery of school food programs during the school year. For example, districts may use NSFP funding for infrastructure or equipment upgrades during the summer, if the upgrades support the delivery of a food program during the school year. However, districts may not use NSFP funding to provide meals or snacks to students during school holidays such as summer, spring break, or winter holidays.

Questions regarding NSFP funding can be directed to ECC.schoolfood@gov.bc.ca.

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School District	Year 1 Allocation (\$)
5 Southeast Kootenay	123,333
6 Rocky Mountain	80,804
8 Kootenay Lake	122,231
10 Arrow Lakes	14,081
19 Revelstoke	19,675
20 Kootenay-Columbia	92,996
22 Vernon	178,164
23 Central Okanagan	319,792
27 Cariboo-Chilcotin	133,194
28 Quesnel	90,242
33 Chilliwack	339,891
34 Abbotsford	399,024
35 Langley	215,249
36 Surrey	973,259
37 Delta	121,580
38 Richmond	39,097
39 Vancouver	125,725
40 New Westminister	11,491
41 Burnaby	7,804
42 Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows	211,257
43 Coquitlam	18,226
44 North Vancouver	0
45 West Vancouver	0
46 Sunshine Coast	70,975
47 qathet	74,379
48 Sea to Sky	13,376
49 Central Coast	5,520
50 Haida Gwaii	12,289
51 Boundary	39,436
52 Prince Rupert	50,771
53 Okanagan Similkameen	65,538
54 Bulkley Valley	51,399
57 Prince George	317,136
58 Nicola-Similkameen	65,242
59 Peace River South	106,842
60 Peace River North	150,366
61 Greater Victoria	86,275
62 Sooke	141,640
63 Saanich	59,681
64 Gulf Islands	28,255

67 Okanagan Skaha	128,009
68 Nanaimo-Ladysmith	323,151
69 Qualicum	98,789
70 Pacific Rim	108,604
71 Comox Valley	226,765
72 Campbell River	134,621
73 Kamloops-Thompson	302,584
74 Gold Trail	30,039
75 Mission	160,276
78 Fraser-Cascade	47,894
79 Cowichan Valley	180,150
81 Fort Nelson	19,707
82 Coast Mountains	115,087
83 North Okanagan-Shuswap	126,468
84 Vancouver Island West	9,318
85 Vancouver Island North	36,164
87 Stikine	4,241
91 Nechako Lakes	116,043
92 Nisga'a	12,306
93 Conseil scolaire francophone	46,576
Provincial total	7,203,027