

Attestation for Self-Sustaining Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

District: _____ LEA: _____

Address/City/Zip Code: _____

Superintendent: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child Nutrition Director: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Effective Dates: _____

Arkansas School Districts wishing to offer snacks to students AND follow the intent and design of the United States Department of Agriculture Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, agree to the following (please mark each blank with a V to indicate the district agrees):

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP may not jeopardize the quality or quantity of food items available for any other Child Nutrition Program in the district/school, including but not limited to, the National School Lunch Program, National School Breakfast Program, Afterschool Snacks, and Seamless Summer Option.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP will be provided as a snack, served at a different time than the service of breakfast or lunch.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP will be available only during the school day, not before or after regular school or for students to take home.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP will not be used as reward or punishment or for other disciplinary means for any situation.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP will focus on fresh fruits and fresh vegetables.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP will encourage teachers to participate with students as a model of healthy eating behavior and to use the opportunity to discuss with students nutrition, health, hygiene, manners, etc. as related to the program.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP agrees to purchase only fresh fruits and fresh vegetables, pre-cut fresh produce, and/or ready-made fresh produce trays.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP agrees that these funds will not be used to provide items to community residents or adults who are attending school functions.

_____ The self-sustaining FFVP agrees that the following items will not be purchased for or served as a part of the self-sustaining FFVP:

1. processed or preserved fruits and vegetables (canned, frozen or vacuum packed or dried)
2. any fruit or vegetable that is cooked in any way, including on site
3. fruit that has been injected with flavorings
4. dip for fruit or vegetables
5. dried fruit
6. jellied fruit
7. fruit strips, fruit drops, fruit leather
8. fruit or vegetable juice
9. smoothies
10. trail mix or dried fruit mix
11. cottage cheese
12. nuts
13. fruit or vegetable pizzas
14. fruit desserts such as fruit pie, fruit tarts
15. ingredients in a fresh fruit or fresh vegetable recipe – such as vegetable pizza, vegetable casserole, or fruit pizza
16. fruit or vegetables with added spices (ex-cinnamon)

_____ All self-sustaining FFVP procurement must follow the same local, State, and Federal guidelines as the National School Lunch Program, including, but not limited to the Buy American requirement. Produce must always be graded and inspected according to existing local, State, and Federal guidelines.

_____ The SFA must maintain a clear audit trail of money coming into this program, the sources from which it is coming, and the expenditures related to the self-sustaining FFVP. The SFA must maintain full and accurate records for a period of five years after the end of the fiscal year to which they pertain. Records must be kept longer if the SFA has unresolved audit findings.

The following schools agree to implement a Self-Sustaining FFVP:

_____	Grades: _____

The following sources of funds will be used:

_____ Funds from the Child Nutrition account will be used to operate the self-sustaining FFVP.

YES NO (circle one): SFA agrees that the Child Nutrition account has in excess of a 3-month operating balance.

YES NO (circle one): SFA agrees that all Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snack Program needs are met.

YES NO (circle one): SFA agrees that the Breakfast, Lunch and Afterschool Snack Programs will not be compromised by allowing a self-sustaining FFVP.

Yes No (circle one): SFA agrees to maintain financial stability for the Child Nutrition Account.

_____ Non-Federal Funds provided by the district will be used to operate the self-sustaining FFVP.

_____ A school-based organization or group will provide funds to operate the self-sustaining FFVP (Parent/Teacher Organization, local School Nutrition Association Chapter, student organization, etc.)

_____ A community-based organization or group will provide funds to operate the self-sustaining FFVP (civic organization, non-profit, church, etc.)

_____ A private business or individual will provide funds to operate the self-sustaining FFVP (local business, individual, or group)

_____ Date _____
District Superintendent (Signature)

_____ Date _____
District Child Nutrition Director (Signature)

_____ Date _____
Arkansas Child Nutrition Unit Director (Signature)

_____ Date _____
Arkansas Child Nutrition Unit
Assistant Director of Healthy Schools (Signature)

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