

2009 Student Food Drive Guidelines

Boxes: The River Bend Foodbank will supply all the boxes for the drive and deliver them to your schools the week of September 28th. Please pack all of your loose food into these boxes, allowing the tops to be folded and the boxes to be stacked upon one another. If you need more boxes, contact the Foodbank at 309-764-7434.

Purchased Food: Please use SFD provided boxes for loose food only. If your school purchases cases of food from grocery stores or wholesalers, please leave these items in the original packaging and have them delivered directly to the River Bend Foodbank.

Delivery: Food can be delivered to the Foodbank at any time during the drive. We encourage schools to deliver their food donation throughout the drive by calling the Foodbank at 309-764-7434 to schedule a time. Every school must save at least one load to be delivered on their designated Loading Day.

Food Products: Schools are asked to collect and donate a *variety* of food products. The food that is most needed is canned vegetables and fruits, juice, tuna, and canned meats, pork and beans, stews, etc. Each school is limited to 1,000 lbs of flour and 1,000 of sugar towards their total. The Foodbank will not accept perishable items, pet food, bulk items, or soda. Additionally, the Foodbank does not accept clothing donations, so please keep those items for Goodwill or Salvation Army.

Student Food Drive Awards

Categories: All participating schools are divided into three categories for Student Food Drive awards. These categories are determined by the schools' reported enrollment on September 28th, 2009.

Division A: 1,250+ enrolled students

Division B: 300-1,250 enrolled students

Division C: 1-299 enrolled students

Division Awards: First and second place are awarded to two schools in each division that donate the highest pounds of food per student.

First place (Division A, B, and C): \$2,500

Second place (Division A, B, and C): \$1,000

Overall Prizes: Prizes are awarded to the four schools that win the following contests

Most Improved: \$1,000

Most Improved (second place): \$750

Most Creative Event: \$1,000

Most Poverty Diet Challenge Pledges: 2,000 lbs. of food

Participation: Cash prizes are awarded to all of the schools that reach the following
Schools that donated 3 lbs./student: \$500