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School Pantry Frequently Asked Questions:

1. What is a School Pantry?

A school pantry is either a 9-12 month food access point for your students and their families. The school pantry stocks both snack items and items for families to use to make a meal. The pantry space can be flexible to meet your school's needs – a small closet, cabinets in an office, or a full classroom are examples of spaces that our current school pantries have.

2. What are the requirements and time commitment of the programs?

We ask that each school has a coordinator who manages the pantry. The coordinator is responsible for completing paperwork and online trainings at the beginning of each school year. Throughout the year, the coordinator is responsible for ordering and receiving food orders, usually once per month. Pantries are required to have at least two open distributions per month, in which students and families are able to shop in the pantry. In addition, you can have additional open hours or make the pantry available on an emergency basis. The coordinator is responsible for tracking families who access the pantry and will use that data to submit a monthly report to Freestore Foodbank.

4. What are the benefits of the school pantry program?

- Provides a year round food access point to students and their families.
- A comfortable and familiar place for families to come
- Allows school staff to interact with students and families





