**NOTICE:**

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides all children in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruits and vegetables. It is an effective and creative way of introducing fresh fruits and vegetables as healthy snack options. The FFVP also encourages the education of families and partnerships with members of the community as an overall way of increasing the health and wellness of both students and those in the community in which they live.

The FFVP is administered by the Office of Nutrition Programs, SC Department of Education. Participating schools must be operating the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and must abide by the same US Department of Agriculture (USDA) monitoring, bookkeeping, and record retention guidance in operating the FFVP. Elementary schools with more than 50 percent of students eligible for free or reduced meal benefits may apply for the grant which is awarded annually.