



School-Based Pantry

Too many Indiana students drop out of high school before graduating. The reasons are numerous, but some students leave school to help put food on the table at home. They get low-paying jobs to help their family make ends meet. Other students drop out in despair because they can't concentrate due to being hungry during the school day.

We believe in eliminating barriers to accessing hunger relief as a solution to help students stay in school. Whether it's the student or their family that cannot get enough to eat, it's our belief that getting food to those who need it most can make a dramatic difference for everyone.

High school students pressured into dropping out so they can contribute to the household budget can instead stay in school when they have access to healthy food for their families. Each school pantry is stocked with the essentials - from fresh produce to frozen meat, and other grocery items to make healthy meals.

Schools report that because the pantry is open at regular times and can be opened during an emergency, parents' trust in the school grows, and their involvement in the student's life improves. Their children - the students - also have better attendance.



Keeping students in schools takes everyone working together. *A School-Based Pantry* helps students achieve their goals.

55 schools have their very own pantries—in 20 counties. The pantry is offered to families at NO cost to the students or to the school.

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