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### **Allowable / Unallowable Items**

According to the USDA, the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is intended to introduce “elementary school children to a variety of produce that they otherwise might not have the opportunity to sample.”

To honor the intention of the FFVP, ODE considers certain fruits and vegetables “standard fare”, and these are ineligible for reimbursement in most circumstances.

#### **Standard Fare Items:**

- Yellow bananas (Cavendish)
  - These may also be labeled as 'green tip' or 'petite' on your invoice. Please note that 'petite' can refer either to a baby banana variety (such as Niños or Lady Fingers) or simply to smaller-sized regular bananas. Labeling varies by supplier, so if you're unsure which type you're receiving, feel free to check with your distributor.
- Navel (including heirloom), Cara Cara, and Valencia oranges
- Orange baby carrots and carrots sticks or coins
- Certain common apple varieties
  - Gala
  - Fuji
  - Red Delicious
  - Golden Delicious

**ODE allows and encourages serving other, less common varieties of bananas, carrots, apples and citrus.**

Examples may include, but are not limited to:

- Red or Burro bananas, Lady Fingers, or plantains.
- Rainbow carrots or carrots served with tops on.
- Apple varieties such as Honeycrisp, Opal, Pink Lady, Granny Smith, or Cosmic Crisp.
- Other citrus fruits, such as tangelos, pomelo, blood oranges, satsumas, or clementines.

Standard fare items will be accepted on claims on a case-by-case basis, and **only when the situation cannot be avoided.**

Reasons might include shortages from a vendor, or something out of the ordinary which causes you to deviate from your plan.

In unavoidable situations, include an explanation in the body of your claim submission email. If there is no explanation included in the submission email, the items will automatically be removed from the claim.

#### **USDA Unallowable Items:**

The following items are unallowable according to the USDA's Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Handbook for Schools:

- Processed or preserved fruits and vegetables (i.e., canned, frozen or dried)
- Dip for fruit
- Fruit or vegetable juice
- Snack type fruit products such as fruit strips, fruit drops, fruit leather
- Jellied fruit
- Trail mix
- Nuts
- Cottage cheese
- Fruit or vegetable pizza
- Smoothies
- Fruit that has added flavorings including fruit that has been injected with flavorings
- Carbonated fruit
- Most non-food items, except those allowed under administrative/operational costs

#### **[FFVP Resources](#)**