



### 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 are ineligible for reimbursement under the FFVP 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.

### **FFVP Resources**