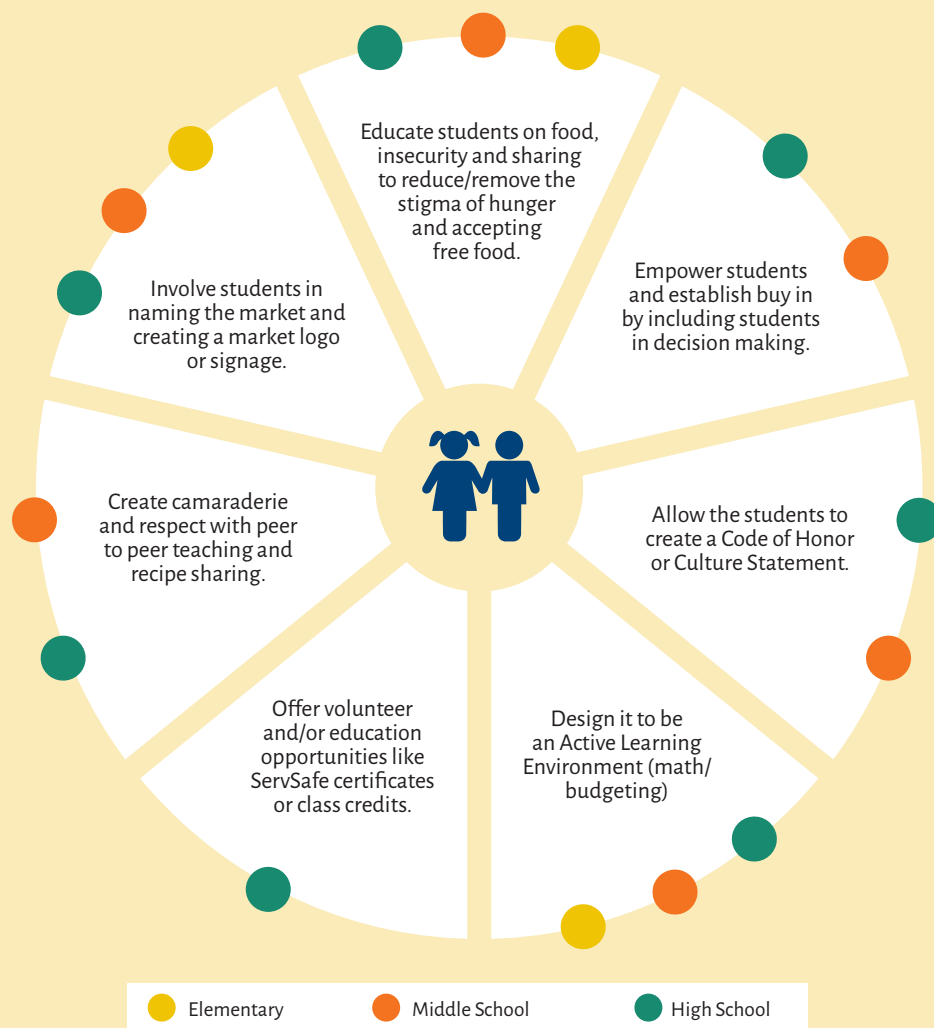


School Food Markets

are COOL MARKETS

Reducing the Stigma of Hunger with In-School Food Pantries

START WITH THE STUDENTS!



RALLY SUPPORT!



Partnerships

Work with local non-profits to fund/support the market with donations:

- Local/regional food banks
- Grocery stores
- Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and other community clubs
- Local Extension Office/ FFA/4-H
- Parent Teacher Organization
- Student government/class officers
- Student Healthy Advisory Council (SHAC)
- School Wellness Committees/Healthy School Teams



Gather Information

- Contact organizations that aim to reduce food insecurity to learn about best practices.
- Contact other schools that have a successful food pantry program and learn from them.
- Download the USDA's Food Keeper App at **FoodSafety.gov**. The app is free and provides food safety information on 650+ items.

KEEP IT COOL AND INVITING!

The fewer restrictions the better

- Promote that ALL students are eligible to "shop" the market.
- Locate the market in an easily accessible space on campus.
- Offer a variety of foods for meals and snacks.
- When possible, don't pre-select items to allow students to select items they want/leave items they do not want.

Make it engaging

- Create grocery environment with easy access and fun shopping like experiences.
- Involve students in decorating and selecting music to play.
- Offer recipe cards that the students create.
- Invite guest chefs or students to host cooking classes.

Market the market

- Offer an Afterschool Snack to encourage students to visit the market.
- Offer and promote student created recipe cards.
- Host a cooking demo with "celebrity" or student chefs.



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