

Is this an issue that you are aware of at your school?

This is not as much of an issue at our high school, as we receive free lunches, and lunches are available in multiple areas on campus. However, our school only provides one free lunch per student, and these lunches are often small and lack nutrition or adequate amounts of fruits and vegetables.

How does food insecurity interact with identities such as race, gender, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status? What does this reveal about the intersection between food and justice?

According to the article, "75 percent of Indigenous, 70 percent Black, and 70 percent of American Indian or Alaska Native students experienced food insecurity, housing insecurity or homelessness, compared to 54 percent of White students." This is because minority groups are often forced into poorer neighborhoods, and therefore are more prone to food insecurity. This demonstrates a clear intersection between food and justice, highlighting the importance of environmental justice.

Research an organization on your campus or in the community that is working to address food justice/insecurity. Tell us about this organization and how it supports students. What can you do as an individual to support that work? If there is no group at your school actively working to provide food access, try to find one at another school/university.

We have a sustainability committee in our school district which is working on addressing food insecurity and food waste in our community. The committee is composed of students and teachers from schools throughout our district. They are working to add food carts at schools where students can drop off extra food which they didn't eat. Oftentimes, students will be forced to take a drink or other food items which they will not eat, contributing to a lot of waste. The food carts would deal with this issue of food waste while also allowing students who didn't have enough to eat to grab some extra, free food! This is only one of the many things that the committee does, so as an individual, I plan to join this committee and help them in their efforts!

What are some viable solutions that address the issue with success?

Establishing food pantries or food carts to distribute foods can help address this issue. Funding from fundraisers and the community can help to address food insecurity and provide food for hungry students and families!

How can you apply and implement these solutions at your school?

Green Team (our club :) is working to address food waste, and raise awareness about food insecurity on our school campus! We hope to work with the sustainability committee and with the garden that we built last school year, we hope to grow vegetables to provide for students!

Now it is time to get creative! Create an infographic that outlines the problem of food insecurity on campus with tips and action steps to address this global issue. Make a clear, educational, eye-catching visual that everyone will want to read and share.

FOOD INSECURITY

DEFINITION
WHAT IS IT?
food insecurity is when someone doesn't have sufficient access to food

PROBLEM #1
ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE
minority groups are especially affected as they experience high rates of poverty compared with members of the white community

PROBLEM #2
THE PANDEMIC HAS MADE ISSUES WORSE
food insecurity in the Bay Area has increased from 20% to 33% since the pandemic started

HOW CAN WE HELP?

FOOD CARTS & PANTRIES
volunteers can distribute free food to families in need!

FREE LUNCH
fund free lunches in schools for students who can't bring their own lunches

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

JOIN LOCAL VOLUNTEER GROUPS!
join your school's Green Team or sustainability club! join organizations that spread awareness about environmental justice! advocate for better food in your school!

ANYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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