

California K-12 School Plant-Based Products & Vendors

See below for a list of climate-friendly, plant-based school food vendors available for California schools.

Friends of the Earth does not endorse any of these products. We are providing this list to make it easier to find plant-based ready-made products for school districts that require these products. For school districts with cooking capabilities and enough staffing, scratch-cooked meals using whole and minimally processed foods can be a healthier, more affordable alternative to processed plant-based options that may include unhealthy additives and unnecessary fillers which usually add calories.

Depending on kitchen facilities, staff limitations, student acceptance and other factors, schools must do what is feasible for them; and both freshly prepared and pre-made plant-based products are a positive alternative to industrially produced meat. This list contains non-GMO plant-based products that are minimally processed and use mainly whole, organic ingredients. For a deeper dive into the nutrition and processing considerations associated with plant-based foods, Friends of the Earth refers to Eat REAL's developed [guidance document](#) for K-12 school foodservice professionals.

Interested in getting connected to these vendors?

Email Friends of the Earth's Climate-Friendly School Food Program:

climatefriendlyschoolfood@foe.org

Alternative Proteins (Chicken, Sausage, Meatballs, Tofu etc.)



BetterChew

Website: <https://eatbetterchew.com>

- Plant-Based Fried Chicken
- Plant-Based Fried Fish
- Plant-Based Ribs
- Plant-Based Shredded Steak
- Plant-Based Shredded Chicken

- * All products have only 6-7 ingredients
- * Based and operated in California
- * Minority owned
- * Uses Non-GMO ingredients



Dr. Praegers' Sensible Foods

Website: <https://drpraegers.com/foodservice/>

- Black Bean Quinoa Burger
- Broccoli Littles (GF)
- Chickenless Tenders, Chickenless Nuggets, Chickenless Strips
- Vegan Burger
- Vegan Breakfast Sausage
- Vegan Meatballs (GF)
- Shelled edamame

* All products listed above CN Labeled

* All products listed above are non-GMO

* Certified Kosher



Don Lee Farms

Website: <https://www.donleefarms.com/plant-based-meat-protein>

- Better Than Beef Crumble (Certified Organic), Sweet Potato and Sunflower Seed Burger (Certified Organic, GF), Chipotle Black Bean Burger (*CN Labeled, Certified Organic, GF)
- Cauliflower Bites (Certified Organic, GF), Veggie Bites (Certified Organic, GF)
- Chickpea, Lentil, and Curry Bowl (Certified Organic), Organic Superfoods Veggie Bowl (Certified Organic)

* California owned and operated

* Non-GMO



Greenleaf Foods

Website: <https://www.greenleaffoods.com>

Field Roast Foods:

- Plant-Based Pepperoni
- Plant-Based Stadium Hot Dog
- Plant-Based Spicy Mexican Chipotle Crumble

Lightlife:

- Plant-Based Bacon
- Plant-Based Burger (GF)
- Plant-Based Chick'N breast, tenders, strips
- Smoky Tempeh / Regular Tempeh (Certified Organic)

* Non-GMO



Greenboy Foods

Website: <https://www.greenboy.com/>

Unflavored protein powders:

- ChickPea (GF)
- Mung Bean (GF)
- Lentil (GF)
- Fava Bean (GF)

* Based in Los Angeles

* Less than 6-7 ingredients

* Non-GMO



Hungry Planet

Website: <https://www.hungryplanetfoods.com>

- Plant-Based Beef Classic Patty, Chipotle Chicken Patty
- Plant-Based Beef Crumbles, Plant-Based Beef Meatballs
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes
- Plant-Based Gyoza
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Chub (12 oz), Plant-Based Ground Chicken Chub (12 oz)
- Plant-Based Crispy Fried Chicken, Plant-Based Grilled Chicken Strips, Plant-Based Grilled and Diced Chicken
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Meatballs, Plant-Based Thai Meatballs

* Non-GMO

* **Product Formulation Statement** for Italian Sausage Crumble



Nowadays

Website: <https://eatnowadays.com/>

- Plant-Based Pea Protein Chicken Nuggets (GF and non-GF)

* 7 ingredients

* Non-GMO

* **Product Formulation Statement available**



Rebellyous

Website: <https://rebellyous.com/>

- Plant-Based Kickin' Tenders
- Plant-Based Kickin' Patties
- Plant-Based Kickin' Nuggets

* All products equal 2 M/MA

* **PFS available**

* Non-GMO

* Women-founded and operated

Cheese



Daiya Foods

Website: www.daiyafoods.com

- Plant-Based Parmesan shreds, Cheddar shreds, Mozzarella shreds, Mexican 4 cheese shreds, Spicy Monterey jack shreds, Cheddar slices, American slices, Smoked Gouda Slices, Mozzarella slices, Swiss slices, Provolone slices, Mozzarella sticks, Cheddar sticks
- Plant-Based plain cream cheese, Strawberry cream cheese, Chive and onion cream cheese
- Plant-Based cheddar style cheese sauce and alfredo style sauce
- Plant-Based salad dressings: DF Honey Mustard, DF Creamy Italian, Homestyle Ranch, Creamy Caesar, and Blue Cheese.
- Plant-Based Fiesta Breakfast Burrito, Homestyle Breakfast Burrito, Santa Fe Burrito, Santiago Burrito, Tex Mex Burrito, Tuscan Burrito
- Plant-Based Vegetable Crust Pizzas: Italian Herb and Cheese, Meatless Pepperoni Style with Jalapenos, and Mediterranean.

* All Products Gluten-Free (GF)

* Lactose-Free

* Non-GMO

Eggs



Follow Your Heart

Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Vegan eggs

* Gluten-Free (GF)

* Non-GMO



The Veggie Scramble

Website: <https://thevegg.com/nutritional-facts/>

- Vegan egg yolk (GF)
- Vegan egg replacer for baking

* No added fillers

* Non-GMO

Breads and Pastas:

	Banza Pasta Website: www.eatbanza.com *All products made from chickpeas • Penne, Rotini, Linguini, Spaghetti, Small Shells • Mac and Cheese • Pizza dough rounds, Frozen • Chickpea Rice * All Products Gluten-Free (GF) * Non-GMO * PFS for all pasta and chickpea rice * Qualifies under M/MA or legume meal pattern
	Dr. Schar USA, Inc. Website: www.drskar.com • Vegan breads, rolls, and buns * Gluten-Free (GF) * Non-GMO
	Honore Farm and Mill Website: https://honoremill.org/ • Artisan flour • White quinoa * All products made of heirloom grain varieties and farmed using regenerative organic practices * Founded in Marin County, California owned and operated * Non-GMO * Organic

Other

	AshaPops Website: https://ashapops.com • AshaPops Waterlily Seed Snacks (Flavors include: Chili, Turmeric, Himalayan Sea Salt and Vegan Cheese) * All Products have only 6-7 Ingredients * All Products Gluten-Free (GF) * Based in Los Angeles * Minority-owned * Non-GMO * Smart Snack
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Bob's Red Mill

Website: <https://www.bobsredmill.com/>

- Almond flour, rye flour (Certified Organic), whole wheat flour (Certified Organic)
- Dry milk powder, egg (non-dairy) powder (GF)
- Oatmeal (Certified Organic), muesli (Certified Organic), red quinoa (Certified Organic), tri-color quinoa (Certified Organic), kamut (Certified Organic), sorghum, buckwheat (Certified Organic), millet, bulghur, farro (Certified Organic), pearl barley, grain teff
- Whole grains and beans soup mix, red/brown/petit lentils, mung beans, cannellini beans, split peas, chickpeas, lima beans, wild and brown rice mix
- Chia seeds (Certified Organic), flax seeds (Certified Organic), pumpkin seeds (Certified Organic)

* Gluten-Free (GF) line available

* Non-GMO

* 100% Employee-owned



Sukhi's Gourmet Indian Food

Website: <https://sukhis.com>

- Dal Saag (GF), Chana Masala (GF)
- Lentil Kale Dal (GF), Butternut Squash Dal (GF), Cauliflower Lentil Dal (GF)
- Madras Potatoes (GF), Madras Vegetable Curry (GF)
- Lemon Rice (GF), Basmati Pilau (GF)
- Large Potato and Mixed Vegetable Samosas
- Tikka Masala Sauce (GF), Mango Chutney Salad Dressing (GF), Cilantro Chutney Salad Dressing (GF)
- Classic Curry Paste (GF), Tikka Masala Paste (GF), Madras Curry Paste (GF), Vindaloo Paste (GF), Tandoori Marinade (GF)
- Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry (GF)

* Based in South San Francisco, operated in California

* Minority-owned

* Non-GMO, except Kale and Chickpea Tomato Curry



Hodo Foods

Website: <https://www.hodofoods.com>

- Tofu All Day Egg Scramble (Certified Organic), Tofu Mexican Egg Scramble (Certified Organic)
- Thai Curry Tofu Nuggets (Certified Organic), Tofu Chinese Five Spice Nuggets (Certified Organic)
- Tofu Veggie Burger (Certified Organic), Tofu Cajun Burger (Certified Organic)
- Tofu Spicy Yuba Noodles (Certified Organic)
- Soy Milk (Certified Organic)

	* All Products Gluten-Free (GF) * Minority-owned * Non-GMO * Operated out of Oakland, California
	Snacktivist Foods Website: https://snacktivistfoods.com/ Baking Mixes: • Plant Protein Pancake and Waffle Mix (GF) • Artisan Bread Mix (GF) • Rosemary Garlic Focaccia Mix (GF) • Dark Chocolate Brownie Mix (GF) • Cookie Base Mix (GF) • All-purpose Flour • Turmeric Falafel Mix Frozen: • 12" Pizza Crust • Vegan Brownie Bites • Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough * Woman-owned, B-corp food brand * Free from all nine allergens * Non-GMO

To see more offerings, visit the Plant-Based Product Directory at <https://www.balancedlunchtray.com/directory>