



Friends of the Earth

Climate-Friendly Food

For Healthy Kids and a Healthy Planet

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.

This list contains non-GMO plant-based products that are minimally processed and use mainly whole, organic ingredients. For more options, please visit Balanced’s [Plant-Based Product Directory](#). 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.

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. 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.

Interested in getting connected to these vendors?
Email Friends of the Earth’s Climate-Friendly School Food Program Plant Based Consultant:
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Alternative Proteins (Chicken, Sausage, etc.)

Adda Veggie



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

K-12 Sell Sheet: [Adda Veggies](#)

- Original Blend
- Chipotle Adobe
- Indian Masala Blend
- Veggie Meatballs
- Products can be used as a patty, crumble, etc.

- ✓ **Product Formulation Statement on all products**
- ✓ Based and operated in the SF Bay Area
- ✓ Gluten-Free
- ✓ Minority/Woman owned
- ✓ Products are shelf stable (18 months)
- ✓ Distributed by US Foods, Gold Star Foods, Sysco

Alicia's Tamales Los Mayas



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

- Vegan Veggie Tamale
- Pumpkin Mole Tamale
- Black Bean Tamale
- Mushroom Tamale

- ✓ **Product Formulation Statement on all products**
- ✓ Sustainable business practices
- ✓ USDA Certified Organic

American Bean, LLC



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

- Black Bean Burger Patties
- Falafel Nuggets
- White Bean Puree
- Crispy Yellow Split Peas: BBQ, Sea Salt, Jalapeño
- Falafel Stix & Falafel Tots
- Garbanzo Bean Wonton Noodles

- ✓ **Product Formulation Statement in progress**
- ✓ Allergen Free

Before the Butcher



Website: [Before the Butcher \(beforethebutcher.com\)](https://beforethebutcher.com)

- Plant-Based Taco Beef Crumbles
- Plant-Based Chorizo
- Plant-Based Sausage Breakfast Patty
- Plant-Based Burger Patty
- Plant-Based Chicken Shreds
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage Crumble

- ✓ Product Formulation Statement on all products
- ✓ Based in San Diego, CA
- ✓ Gluten-Free

Better Balance



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

- Plant-Based Hot Dog
- Plant-Based Shredded Meat
- Plant-Based Grounds
- Plant-Based Sour Cream
- Plant-Based Cheese Sauce

- ✓ Product Formulation Statement in progress
- ✓ Most products are sourced from pea protein
- ✓ High in protein
- ✓ Gluten-Free and soy free hot dog
- ✓ Received 2024 Award from Expo/West for "Best Plant-Based Hot Dog"

Better Chew



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

CURRENTLY NOT ACCEPTING ORDERS/SAMPLE REQUESTS FOR SY25-26. (2/4/2026)

- Plant-Based Shredded Steak
- Plant-Based Shredded Chicken
- Plant-Based Ribs
- Plant-Based Macaroni and Cheese

- ✓ Product Formulation Statement on all products
- ✓ All products have only 6-7 ingredients
- ✓ Distributed through Sysco
- ✓ Minority owned and operated

Blackbird Foods

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

- Seitan Crumbles
- Seitan Block
- Margherita and Pepperoni PB Pizza
- **[NEW]** Crispy Tofu: Original (regular) and General Tso's (spicy)

- Product Formulation Statement on all products
- Certified Kosher
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BountiFoods



Website: <https://www.bountifoods.com/index.php>

- Plant-Based Chicken Leg
- Plant-Based Burger
- Plant-Based Nuggets
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes

- Product Formulation Statement on all products
- Based in California Bay Area
- Women founded
- Allergen free
- Works with Sysco and Goldstar

Deeply Rooted



Website: www.eatdeeplyrooted.com

- Plant-Based Protein Crumbles: Korean BBQ, Italian Seasoned, Mexican Seasoned

- Product Formulation Statement on all products
- Soy Free
- Gluten-Free (GF)
- High in Protein
- Woman owned and operated
- Products are shelf stable (18 months)

Dr. Praeger's Sensible Foods

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



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

- All products listed above CN Labeled
- Certified Kosher

Don Lee Farms



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

- USDA Organic Chipotle Black Bean Burger
- Organic Better Than Beef Crumble, Veggie Burgers (Sweet Potato and Sunflower Seed)
- Organic Cauliflower Bites, Organic Veggie Bites
- Organic Chickpea, Lentil, and Curry Bowl, Organic Superfoods Veggie Bowl
- Plant-based nuggets
- [NEW] Veggie Taco CrispUps

- All products listed above CN Labeled
- California owned and operated
- USDA Certified Organic
- Gluten-Free

Ground Pro Crumbles



Website: [GroundPro - Savor the Flavor \(firstproteins.com\)](http://GroundPro - Savor the Flavor (firstproteins.com))

- Meatless Lentil Crumbles
 - Can be used in tacos, tostadas, nachos, marinara sauce, lasagna

- Product Formulation Statement on all products
- USDA Certified Organic
- Only 8 ingredients
- Shelf stable – 18 months
- Reconstitutes with water

Hungry Planet



Website: <https://www.hungryplanetfoods.com/food-service/>

- Plant-Based Beef Classic Patties
- Plant-Based Beef Meatballs
- Plant-Based Ground Beef
- Plant-Based Crab Cakes, Ground Crab
- Plant-Based Pork Gyoza, Thai Meatballs, Ground
- Plant-Based Italian Sausage
- Plant-Based Crispy Fried Chicken
- Plant-Based Grilled Chicken Strips
- Plant-Based Chorizo Chub

Product Formulation Statement on patties only

North Coast Seafoods



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

- Kelp Burgers
- Kelp Meatballs

Product Formulation Statements available

Meatballs 2 MA, burgers 1.5

Massachusetts based; working with CA distributor-Goldstar and Sysco

Rebellyous



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

- Plant-Based Kickin' Tenders
- Plant-Based Kickin' Patties
- [NEW] Plant-Based Spicy Kickin' Patties
- Plant-Based Kickin' Nuggets

Product Formulation Statements available

All products equal 2 M/MA

Women-founded and operated

The BE Hive



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

- PB Bacon
- PB Chipotle Chorizo
- PB Pepperoni
- PB Italian Crumbles
- PB Deli Sliced Roast Beef
- PB Deli Sliced Turkey

- All products listed above CN Labeled
- Based in Nashville, TN – works with Sysco
- Versatile storage and cooking methods

Tofurky



Website: <https://tofurky.com>

- Plant-Based Turkey Deli Slices
- Plant-Based Shredded Cheddar
- Plant-Based Shredded Mozzarella
- Plant-Based Hot Dogs
- Plant-Based Pepperoni Slices
- Plant-Based Cream Cheese

- Product Formulation Statement in progress
- Soy Free
- Based in Oregon – works with Sysco and Goldstar
- Invests in animal welfare and environmental initiatives

Breakfast Vendors

Just Egg



Website: <https://www.ju.st/eat>

- Eggs from Plants- versatile eggs
- Just Egg Folded- ready made
- Breakfast Burritos
- Just PB Chicken Shreds

Product Formulation Statements available

- Cholesterol-free
- No artificial flavors

Nature's Fynd



Website: [Nature's Fynd - Fungi-Based Foods for Optimists \(naturesfynd.com\)](https://www.naturesfynd.com)

- FY = Fungi-based protein
- Meatless Breakfast Patties: Original and Maple
- Dairy-Free Cream Cheese: Original, Chive & Onion
- PB Individual Yogurt: Peach, Strawberry, Vanilla

Product Formulation Statement in progress

- Low Fat
- No artificial flavors

Three Little Birds



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

Granola:

- Apple Crisp
- Cranberry Crunch
- Banana Chocolate Chip

Product Formulation Statements available

- Woman-owned
- Free from all top 12 allergens
- 1.25 oz single serve packets or 20 lb bulk bags
- No Oils
- Only 2g Sugar

Cheese

Daiya Foods



Website: www.daiyafoods.com

- Plant-Based Cheese Shreds: Cheddar, Mozzarella, Mexican 4 Cheese, Spicy Monterey jack
- Plant-Based Cheese Slices: Cheddar, American, Smoked Gouda, Mozzarella slices, Swiss, Provolone
- Plant-Based Cheese Sticks: Mozzarella, Cheddar
- Plant-Based Cream Cheese: Plain, Strawberry, Chive and Onion
- Plant-Based Cheese Sauce: Cheddar, Alfredo
- Plant-Based Fiesta Breakfast Burrito: Homestyle, Santa Fe, Santiago, Tex Mex, Tuscan Burrito
- Plant-Based Vegetable Crust Pizzas: Italian Herb and Cheese, Meatless Pepperoni Style with Jalapenos, Mediterranean

Product Formulation Statements available

Gluten-Free

Lactose-Free

Violife



Website: <https://www.violife.com/en-us>

- Plant-Based Cheese: shredded, slices, blocks, cream cheese
- Plant-Based Whipping Cream

Product Formulation Statement in progress

Allergen Free

Sustainable

Manufacturing GFSI certified

Factories are zero waste to landfill

Dressings

Daiya Foods



Website: www.daiyafoods.com

- Homestyle Ranch Salad Dressing
- Creamy Cesar Salad Dressing
- Blue Cheeze Salad Dressing

Product Formulation Statements available

- Gluten-Free
- Lactose Free

Follow Your Heart



Website: <https://followyourheart.com>

- Ranch Salad Dressing
- Thousand Island Salad Dressing
- Cesar Salad Dressing
- Blue Cheese Salad Dressing
- Creamy Avocado Oil Ranch Salad Dressing
- Honey Mustard Salad Dressing

Gluten-Free

Tofu

Franklin Farms



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

- Tofu Veggie Burgers
- Veggie Meatballs
- Seitan, Tempeh, Water-Packed Tofu, Tofu Bites, Fusion Tofu (Curry, Italian, Mediterranean) and other Tofu products
- Plant-Based Breakfast Patties and Links
- Chickpea Tofu

Product Formulation Statements available

California based

Hodo Foods



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

- Tofu All Day Egg Scramble, Tofu Mexican Egg Scramble
- Tofu Nuggets: Thai Curry, Chinese Five Spice
- Tofu Veggie Burger: Plain, Cajun Burger
- Tofu Spicy Yuba Noodles
- Soy Milk

Product Formulation Statement in progress

Gluten-Free

Minority-owned

USDA Certified Organic

Operated out of Oakland, CA

Breads, Beans, Pastas, Dumplings

Better Bean



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

- Black Beans: Cuban, Refried
- Chipotle Bean Dip
- Refried Red Beans
- Southwestern Pinto Beans
- Three Sisters Chili
- Better Baked Beans
- Cannellini Beans
- PDX Hummus

Product Formulation Statement in progress

Gluten-Free

Soy-Free

Nut-Free

Northwest sourcing

Bob's Red Mill



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

- Flour: Almond, Rye, Whole Wheat
- Dry Milk Powder, Egg (Non-dairy) Powder (GF)
- Quinoa: Muesli, Red, Tricolor
- Sorghum, Buckwheat, Millet, Bulghur, Farro, Pearl Barley, Grain Teff
- Whole Grains and Beans Soup Mix
- Rice Mix: Wild, Brown
- Beans: Lima, Split Peas, Cannellini, Mung
- Seeds: Chia, Flax, Pumpkin

Product Formulation Statements available

Gluten-Free (GF) line available

USDA Certified Organic

100% Employee-owned

Based in Oregon

Cali Dumpling



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

- Plant-Based Dumplings
- Plant-Based Bao Buns and Plant-Based Spring Rolls (in development)

Product Formulation Statements available

- Based in Los Angeles, CA
- Certified Organic
- Distributes through Sysco

Chickapea



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

- Organic spiral and penne pasta
- Made from Garbanzo Beans

Product Formulation Statements available

- Gluten-Free
- Certified Kosher
- Certified Non-GMO
- Certified Organic

Dos Pisano's Bakery



Website: [Dos Pisano's \(dospisanos.com\)](https://dospisanos.com/)

- Whole Grain French Croissant
- Baked Whole Grain Bagels: Plain, Blueberry, Chocolate, Everything, Jalapeno Cheddar, Cinnamon Raisin
- Sourdough: Parisian Baguette, Sliced Whole Grain
- Sicilian Style Pan Pizza Focaccia
- 10" Whole-Grain Flour Tortilla
- Pre-cooked plant-based pasta (in development)
- Ready-to-Serve Bean and Rice Burrito

Product Formulation Statements available

- Preservative Free
- Sysco and Goldstar Distribution

- ✓ Produced in Northern California Bay Area

Farmer Mai



Website: <https://www.farmermai.com/about>

- Flour: Wheat, Rye
 - Stone-milled flour production
 - Integration of grains into farm systems
- ✓ Woman-owned
 - ✓ Minority-owned
 - ✓ Supports racial and gender equity

Honore Farm and Mill



Website: <https://honoremill.org/>

- White quinoa
 - Artisan whole wheat berries for salads and sides
 - Cracked artisan wheat berries for salads and cereals
 - Artisan stone-milled 100% whole grain flour for muffins, pasta, biscuits, rolls and quick breads
- ✓ Heirloom grain varieties - durum Hourani, Sonora, Red Fife and Rye
 - ✓ Founded in Marin County, California. Women owned and operated
 - ✓ USDA Certified Organic
 - ✓ High protein content
 - ☑ CDFA grant awardee

Immi Ramen

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

- Instant Ramen Packets: Black Garlic "Chicken,"
 - Pea protein and sunflower seed protein
 - Wheat gluten
- ✓ **Product Formulation Statement in progress**
 - ✓ High protein content
 - ☑ Based in San Francisco
 - ☑ Clean, non-GMO Products



Sobo Foods



Website: <https://beanstory.co/>

- Plant-Based Chinese “Pork” & Chive Dumplings
- Plant-Based Chinese Ginger “Chicken” Dumplings
- Plant-Based Japanese Curry Potato Dumplings
- Plant-Based Korean Kimchi & Mushroom Dumplings

- ✓ **Product Formulation Statements available**
- ✓ Non-GMO, zero preservatives
- ✓ Minority-Owned
- ✓ High protein and high fiber
- ✓ Made in California and based in San Francisco

The Bean Story



Website: <https://beanstory.co/>

- Beans: Black, Calypso, Garbanzo, Heirloom Mixed, King City Pink, Old Indian, Peruano, Crimson, Rio Zape, Tiger’s Eye, Cranberry

- ✓ **Product Formulation Statement in progress**
- ✓ Single-Origin
- ✓ 1% For the Planet
- ✓ Recyclable Packing
- ✓ USDA Certified Organic
- ✓ Partnered with farms committed to growing organically and regenerating the land

The Only Bean



Website: [The Only Bean | Organic High Protein Pasta & Healthy Snacks](https://www.theonlybean.com/)

- Edamame Spaghetti, Black Bean Fettuccine, Soy Spaghetti
- Crunchy Roasted Edamame Snacks (sea salt, sriracha, and buffalo ranch)

Product Formulation Statements available

- USDA Certified Organic
- Woman owned
- Gluten-Free
- Minority-Owned
- High Protein Content

Woodles



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

- Whole Grain-Rich Ramen noodle
- Protein-fortified noodle option
- Ready to serve packaged ramen cups – just add hot water

Product Formulation Statements available

- Certified Kosher/Halal
- High Protein content option

Other

AshaPops



Website: <https://ashapops.com>

- AshaPops Waterlily Seed Snacks: Chili, Turmeric, Himalayan Sea Salt and Vegan Cheese

- ✓ All Products have only 6-7 Ingredients
- ✓ All Products Gluten-Free (GF)
- ✓ Based in Los Angeles, CA
- ✓ Minority-owned
- ✓ Smart Snack Compliant

Avéyo Avocado Mayo



Website: aveyolife.com

- Plant Based Avocado Mayo (Chipotle and Original flavors)

- ✓ 8 ingredients or less
- ✓ Preservative Free

Big Sandy Organics



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

- Kracklin' Kamut Ancient Grain (wheat snack)
 - Sea salt and churro flavors

- ✓ Locally grown and sourced
- ✓ USDA Certified Organic

Curry Fresh



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

- Green Curry Paste
- Yellow Curry Paste
- Masala Paste
- Red Curry Paste
- Panang Curry Paste
- Massaman Curry Paste
- Lemongrass Paste

- ✓ Handcrafted in CA with local ingredients
- ✓ Vegan
- ✓ Gluten-Free
- ✓ Farm-to-table
- ✓ Zero preservatives

Flavor Temptations



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

Indian Spice Kits and Sauces:

- Indian Masala Curry Sauce and Garam Masala Spices
- Curried Potatoes Spice Kit
- Chicken Tikka Masala Spice Kit
- Beef Vindaloo Spice Kit
- Chana Masala Spice Kit
- Butter Chicken Spices

- ✓ USDA Certified Organic
- ✓ Gluten-free

International Food Solutions



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

- Asian Food Solutions
 - Cauliflower Rice
 - WG Nested Yakisoba Noodles
 - Chow Mein Crispy Noodles
 - Vegetable Egg Rolls
 - Vegetable Fried Rice
- Comida Vida
 - Cilantro Lime Brown Rice
 - Yuca Fries
 - Plantains

- ✓ Product Formulation Statements available
- ✓ Culturally diverse
- ✓ Plant-based options

Snacktivist Foods



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

- Plant Protein Pancake and Waffle Mix (GF)
- Whole Grain, Regenerative, Plant-Based Pasta
- Falafel Mix

Frozen:

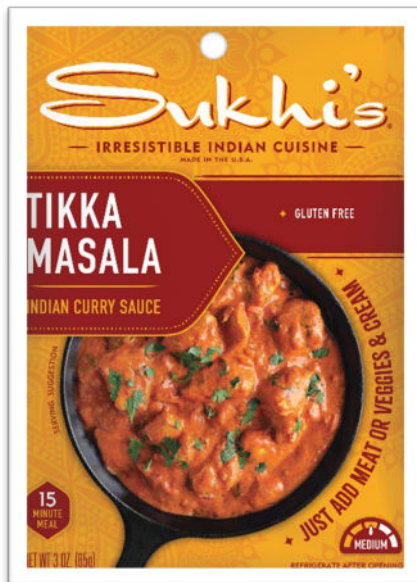
- Clearwater Russet Potatoes (high protein)

✓ Product Formulation Statement in progress

✓ Woman-owned, B-corp food brand

✓ Free from all nine allergens

Sukhi's Gourmet Indian Food



Website: <https://sukhis.com>

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

✓ Product Formulation Statements available

✓ Based in South San Francisco, operated in CA

✓ Minority-owned

✓ Gluten-free