



# School Share Tables



## 1. WHAT IS A SHARE TABLE?

- A share table is a table in the student dining area where students can leave their unwanted, unopened food and beverage items for other students to take if they would like more food
- A share table encourages sharing of unwanted food items and helps prevent wholesome food from being thrown away

## FOOD SHARE

Uneaten, Unopened items only



## 2. SET UP IS EASY

- Baskets, tubs, and boxes can be used to keep foods organized
- A tub with ice can be used for cold items like milk and bags of cut produce like apple slices or baby carrots
- Clearly label the food share table with a sign showing examples of acceptable food
- A Food Share Sign can be downloaded from the website below



## 3. HOW SHARE TABLES WORK

- Students place unwanted, sealed, uneaten items into the collection container
- If a student is still hungry after finishing his or her meal, they may pick up food items from the share table
- Staff should monitor the area to ensure that unacceptable items are not left on the table



## 4. AFTER MEAL SERVICE

- Bring all remaining items from the share table into the kitchen to be sorted and stored
- Remaining items can be donated to needy individuals or to food non-profits such as the local food bank or food pantry
- **Placer County supports the use of share tables at schools**

Additional Share Table examples, pictures, and ideas can be found at:

<https://www.placer.ca.gov/departments/environmental-health/food-protection/feeditforward>

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