# KIPP:COLORADO



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# No Cost Grocery Program (NCGP) Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the No Cost Grocery Program?
  - a. KIPP Colorado Public Schools and the <u>Denver Food Rescue</u> have a partnership that provides organic fruits and vegetables for the far northeast families so that they can prepare meals throughout the week.
- 2. When does the program happen?
  - a. Every Tuesday afternoon, cancellations may happen due to building closures, no delivery and weather.
- 3. Where is the KIPP No Cost Grocery Program?
  - a. On the northside of the KIPP school building, 4635 Walden Street, 80249. Sometimes this location changes due to building closures and weather.
- 4. When can I pick up my food?
  - a. Anytime after 2:00 pm, *sometimes* after 4pm. Pickup only lasts one hour. The pick up times **do change** and a message will be sent out on GroupMe when boxes or bags are ready to pick up for that specific Tuesday.

# 5. What time does the program end?

a. The last box may be handed out at 3pm, maybe 4:30pm. End times **do change** and a message will be sent out on GroupMe for the last call each Tuesday.

# 6. Why does the time of the program change every week?

- a. The food is donated by a local warehouse and drivers sometimes run behind or ahead of schedule, so the NCGP program start and end times vary each week.
- 7. How do I get notifications on the program?
  - a. A program leader sends out a message to the NCGP GroupMe list on Tuesdays.
- 8. How do I get added to the NCGP GroupMe List?
  - a. Fill out the Google Form  $\rightarrow$ <u>bit.ly/NCGPGroupForm</u>.
- 9. Do I have to fill out the Google form each week?
  - a. No, just fill out the Google form **once** to be added to the NCGP GroupMe list.

## 10. Why do I have to be on GroupMe?

a. The KIPP NCGP uses GroupMe to allow clients to pre-order food boxes/bags, NCGP leaders send out the pick up times, end times and changes on Tuesday.

# 11. Can I send text or call a volunteer to pre-order?

a. No, please use the <u>KIPP NCGP GroupMe list</u>.

## 12. How do I pre-order my food box/bag?

a. If you plan on participating in the NCGP that week, on Tuesday morning send a message on the GroupMe, example. "A food box please."

## 13. When do I pre-order my food box/bag?

a. Only on **Tuesdays between 8:00 am - 12:00 pm**. This keeps traffic on the GroupMe app down.

# 14. I get too many notifications, can I use another way to pre-order?

a. No, please use the KIPP NCGP GroupMe list. You can change your notifications on the GroupMe app to reduce the sound or alerts. Remember, to use on Tuesdays though.



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## 15. If I forget to pre-order, can I still get food that day?

a. Yes, you can show up, but there are no guarantees. Pre-orders help give an estimate of how many food boxes/bags we should make for that afternoon.

## 16. If I pre-order is my food bag/box guaranteed?

a. As long as you show up within the first 30 minutes of distribution. We hand out food bags to whoever shows up, regardless if they pre-ordered. Approximately 85% of the time you will get your food bag order if you show up the last 5 minutes of distribution.

# **17.** Is this just for KIPP families?

a. No, anyone can participate. We encourage all to pre-order.

# 18. How many food boxes can I have?

a. One per family or couple.

## 19. Can I volunteer?

a. Please send a text to 303-621-6578 you are interested to complete the orientation.

# 20. Why do I sometimes get a bag instead of a box?

a. The amount of food that is delivered varies week to week. A big delivery or low pre-order count means **food boxes** will be handed out. A small delivery or high volume of pre-orders mean **food bags** will be handed out.

## 21. Can you tell me what fruits and vegetables will be delivered?

a. Unfortunately, we don't know what produce will be delivered until it is unloaded.

## 22. What if I don't know what is in my box?

a. Describe the fruit or vegetable to Google or another search engine.

## 23. How do I cut, prepare or cook the fruit or vegetables in my box?

a. Once you have identified your fruits and vegetables look up recipes that contain it as an ingredient. Enjoy!

## 24. Where does this food come from?

a. The organic vegetables and fruits are donated by the UNFI Fresh warehouse.

## 25. Will my food box only have fruit and vegetables?

a. For the most part yes, on occasions dairy, eggs and meat will be delivered. These are randomly placed in food boxes/bags if there is not enough for each participant.