

ATLANTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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IMMEDIATE FOOD SECURITY RESOURCES:



- **APS CARES**
 - [HTTPS://APSCARES.FINDHELP.COM/SEARCH_RESULTS/30303?WIDGET=APSCARES&REF=HTTPS://APSCARES.FINDHELP.COM/](https://apscares.findhelp.com/search_results/30303?WIDGET=APSCARES&REF=https://apscares.findhelp.com/)
- **ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK (ACFB)**
 - [HTTPS://WWW.ACFB.ORG/GET-HELP/FOOD-MAP](https://www.acfb.org/get-help/food-map)
 - FIND NEARBY PANTRIES OR TEXT "FINDFOOD" OR "COMIDA" TO 888-976-2232.
- **THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)**
 - [HTTPS://WWW.FNS.USDA.GOV/TEFAP/EMERGENCY-FOOD-ASSISTANCE-PROGRAM](https://www.fns.usda.gov/tefap/emergency-food-assistance-program)
- **P.O.W.E.R. ATLANTA FOOD PANTRY**
 - [HTTPS://POWERATL.ORG/PROGRAM/FOOD-PANTRY](https://poweratl.org/program/food-pantry)
 - FREE PANTRY WITH FOOD, BABY SUPPLIES, AND ESSENTIALS FOR LOW-INCOME RESIDENTS.
- **THE SALVATION ARMY METRO ATLANTA**
 - [HTTPS://SOUTHERNUSA.SALVATIONARMY.ORG/METRO-ATLANTA/FINANCIAL-EMERGENCY-SERVICES](https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/metro-atlanta/financial-emergency-services)
 - PROVIDES EMERGENCY FOOD, CLOTHING, AND UTILITY SUPPORT.
- **URBAN RECIPE FOOD CO-OPS**
 - [HTTPS://URBANRECIPE.ORG](https://urbanrecipe.org)
- **UNITED WAY 2-1-1 ATLANTA**
 - [HTTPS://211ONLINE.UNITEDWAYATLANTA.ORG](https://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org)

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HELPFUL FOOD & MEAL APPS:



- **FOODFINDER**
 - FOOD PANTRY LOCATORS THAT SHOW YOU WHEN & WHERE TO GET FREE FOOD ASSISTANCE IN YOUR AREA
- **FLASHFOOD**
 - [HTTPS://FLASHFOOD.COM](https://flashfood.com)
 - GET DISCOUNTED GROCERIES (PRODUCE, MEAT, ETC.) FROM NEARBY STORES.
- **TOO GOOD TO GO**
 - [HTTPS://WWW.TOOGOODTOGO.COM/EN-US](https://www.toogoodtogo.com/en-us)
 - BUY SURPRISE BAGS OF SURPLUS FOOD FROM RESTAURANTS AND BAKERIES AT LOW COST.
- **OH! A POTATO**
 - [HTTPS://OHAPOTATO.APP/FEATURES](https://ohapotato.app/features)
 - RECIPE AND MEAL-PLANNING APP TO MAKE THE MOST OF INGREDIENTS YOU ALREADY HAVE.

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HOW SCHOOLS & FAMILIES CAN SUPPORT EACH OTHER



- **Organize School-Wide Food Drives:** Coordinate monthly or seasonal food drives where students, families, and staff can bring in non-perishable items. Partner with local food banks (like the Atlanta Community Food Bank) for easy pickup and distribution.
- **Host a “Can-Drive Challenge”:** Encourage friendly competition between classes or grade levels to collect canned goods. Offer small rewards (like a pizza party or spirit day) to the class that collects the most donations.
- **Set Up a “Pantry in the School”:** Create a small on-campus pantry stocked with shelf-stable food, hygiene products, and school supplies for families who need immediate assistance.
- **Fundraise for Food Security:** Use bake sales, spirit nights, fun runs, or crowdfunding platforms to raise funds for local food banks or the APS Family Support Hub. Even small donations go a long way toward providing fresh produce and meals.
- **Partner With Local Businesses:** Ask local grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers’ markets to donate items or sponsor food drive bins. Many businesses are eager to support schools.
- **Promote Awareness in Newsletters & Events:** Share success stories, total pounds collected, or photos from food drives to motivate participation and build a culture of giving.

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RELIABLE & LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES



- **MARTA Reduced Fare Program:**
 - Families receiving SNAP, Medicaid, or TANF can qualify for reduced fares on Atlanta's public transportation system.
 - <https://itsmarta.com/reduced-fare.aspx>
- **MARTA Mobility / Paratransit Service:**
 - For families with disabilities or elderly members needing assistance.
 - <https://itsmarta.com/marta-mobility.aspx>
- **Uber & Lyft Food Access Partnerships:**
 - Check with Atlanta Community Food Bank or United Way 2-1-1 for promo codes or discount programs for rides to food pantries.
- **United Way 2-1-1 Transportation Assistance:**
 - Dial 211
 - <https://211online.unitedwayatlanta.org>
 - Help finding gas cards, community shuttle rides, or volunteer driver programs.
- **School-Based Volunteer Ride Network:**
 - Partner with PTA groups or parent volunteers to help families get rides to nearby food pickup points or pantries.
- **Community Shuttle Programs:**
 - Some centers, like the YMCA of Metro Atlanta, offer shuttle or carpool programs for families