

All Food Sold at School

Does your school sell food to students during the school day (besides the NSLP breakfast and lunch program)? If yes, you must use the Smart Snacks calculator to determine if the foods/drinks sold meet USDA regulations.

Step 1: Get a full list of all foods/drinks sold at school.

Step 2: Collect nutrition fact labels for each item.

Step 3: Visit the Smart Snack calculator website and complete the calculator tool for each item.

Step 4: Print the results page for each item and attach it to the nutrition fact label for that product.

Step 5: Discontinue selling any products that do not get a passing grade using the calculator.

Step 6: Create and keep a file for all products for NDS staff to review.

If your school has a fundraiser, non-food items are a great, fun alternative to foods! If food is chosen, use the same calculator to ensure the food/beverages are "smart." If items are non-compliant, start a list of "non-compliant fundraisers" and place this in the same folder used for the calculator results.

Make sure your school does not exceed the limit for non-compliant fundraisers (five for elementary schools, ten for high schools) each year. Remember, fundraisers that take place 30 minutes after dismissal and/or off school grounds, do not count towards this limit.

Fundraisers cannot be sold during meal service.

Share this information with administrators, PTO members, and any other appropriate decision maker.

For more information on Smart Snacks, please see page 161 of your manual.

Smart Snack Calculator Tool

<http://tools.healthiergeneration.org/calc/calculator/>

Fundraisers

A fundraiser is an event that includes an activity in which currency/tokens/tickets, etc. are exchanged for the sale/purchase of a product in support of the school or school-related activities. Examples include: bake sales, candy bar sales, vending machines where profits are used to support a school-sponsored club or activity, such as the school band or sports team.

All foods that meet the Smart Snacks standards may be sold as fundraisers on the school campus during the school day without limits on frequency.

Smart Snacks standards do not apply to items sold during non-school hours, weekends, or off-campus fundraising events.

Exempt (Non-Compliant) Fundraisers

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act allows state agencies that oversee School Nutrition Programs to determine if schools will be permitted to sell foods (including beverages) as fundraisers that do not meet the Smart Snacks in Schools standards and, if permitted, establish the number and duration of each fundraiser.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education has determined the following:

Elementary and Middle Schools: A maximum of five exempt fundraisers will be permitted in each elementary and middle school building per year.

High Schools: A maximum of ten exempt fundraisers will be permitted in each high school building per year.

Each fundraiser may not exceed five consecutive school days.

Schools with combined grades are permitted to hold the number of exempt fundraisers allowed for the highest grade in the building. (For example, a K-12 school may hold up to 10 exempt fundraisers/year.)

No foods or beverages can be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service.

Each Local Education Agency must establish a process for ensuring the number of exempt fundraisers does not exceed the maximum number allowed.

NDS must ensure that these rules (that were created by Congress & the USDA) are being followed. Please complete this form and keep it at school with the other school meals paperwork (even if you do not sell any food to students outside of the NDS breakfast and lunch program). NDS staff will ask you for it when they are onsite. Share information about these rules and the importance of compliance with decision makers at your school.

School Year	
Site Number	
School Name	
Grades in this building	

Keep this document at school, in the kitchen, available for NDS review.

Complete the chart below for each non-compliant fundraiser held at school, during the school day.

	Start Date	End Date	Number of Days	Items Sold	Profits benefitted this group/organization	Recorded by
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Schools that go up to 8th grade have now reached the limit at 5 events.

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Schools that go up to 12th grade have now reached the limit at 10 events.

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	Start Date	End Date	Number of Days	Items Sold	Profits benefitted this group/organization	Recorded by
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