



Questions and Answers about Smart Snacks in Schools



1. ***Do Smart snacks nutrition standards apply to events on the weekend, for example food sales during a sporting event?***

No. The Smart Snacks nutrition standards apply only to foods and beverages sold to students during the school day on the school campus. The Smart Snacks standards do not apply to food sold during non-school hours, weekends and off-campus events such as concessions during after-school sporting events, school plays, concerts, etc.

2. ***One day each month our school treats students to doughnuts. Is this permitted?***

Yes. Because doughnuts are given for free to the students and not offered for sale, they would not fall under the Smart Snacks guidelines.

3. ***Do we need to worry about what kids bring from home in packed lunches? If a student brings a soda for lunch is this o.k.?***

Smart Snacks does not apply to foods brought from home for personal consumption.

4. ***Do the Smart Snacks standards apply to items that are sold by student clubs as fundraisers? Lollipops, candy bars, and baked goods fundraisers are some examples of food fundraisers that take place at a school by different groups?***

Yes. The standards do apply for fundraisers available to students during the school day on school campus. This includes fundraisers in which a donation is only “suggested” as this is still a method to raise funds. Lollipops, candy bars, and most baked goods are unlikely to meet the nutrition standards.

5. ***If a food fundraiser meets the Smart Snacks standards, can the items be sold in the cafeteria during meal service? Isn't this competing with the reimbursable meal?***

There are no “time and place” restrictions on the sale of any foods or beverages that comply with Smart Snacks standards. However, the district may decide to limit all fundraisers to areas outside of the cafeteria.

6. ***Would Smart Snacks apply to food fundraisers that are meant for home consumption, such as cookie dough or frozen pizzas?***

In cases where the items are not ready-to-eat and are clearly intended for home preparation and consumption, the Smart Snacks standards would not apply.

7. *When an exempt fundraiser (5 exempt for elementary and middle schools, 10 exempt for high schools) takes place in the school, can those foods be sold anywhere on the school campus? For example, could students sell candy bars from an exempt fundraiser in the cafeteria?*

No. Food or beverage items that are being sold as part of an exempt fundraiser may not be sold in the food service area during meal service times.