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Final Rule: Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in School

The Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act required USDA to establish nutrition standards for all foods and beverages sold in school beyond the Federal Child Nutrition Programs in school. The nutrition standards apply to all food and beverages, other than reimbursable meals, available for sale to students on the school campus during the school day.

What are competitive foods?

All foods and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day other than those meals reimbursable under programs authorized by the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act.

Where do the standards apply?

School campus is all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day. This includes food and beverages sold a la carte in the cafeteria, in school stores, snack bars, vending machines, fundraising and other venues throughout the school campus.

When do the standards apply?

School day is the period from the midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

Resources

- ◆ Tools for Schools: Focusing on Smart Snacks
<https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/tools-schools-focusing-smart-snacks>
- ◆ Smart Snacks Product Calculator
<https://foodplanner.healthiergeneration.org/calculator/>
- ◆ A Guide to Smart Snacks in School
www.fns.usda.gov/tn/guide-smart-snacks-school
- ◆ Smart Snacks in Schools Q&As and KSDE Policy for Exempt Fundraisers
<https://cnw.ksde.org>, School Nutrition Programs, Food Service Facts, Chapter 20, Guidance and Resources