

A Quick Guide for Schools on the Sale of Food or Beverages to Students

Thinking of selling food or beverages to students before, during, or after school hours as a fundraiser or other reason?

If so, you need to consider the following:

1. School Board Policy 8500, paragraph C.5.c provides the following restrictions:
 - a. Elementary schools can have NO sales of food or beverages to students during the school day.
 - b. Secondary schools can have NO sales of food and beverages to students until 1 hour after the last lunch period ends.

If you are a secondary school and you are thinking of selling food or beverages to students 1 hour after the last lunch period ends, you need to consider the following:

1. The new (effective July 1, 2014) USDA Smart Snacks Rule provides that any food or beverage sold anywhere on the school campus to students from 1 hour after the last lunch period ends until 30 minutes after the official school day ends must meet the USDA Smart Snacks regulatory and nutritional requirements.
2. The USDA Smart Snacks regulatory and nutritional requirements can be tricky to navigate. Please contact Champ's Café central office in advance for assistance with determining if the foods and/or beverages you are considering selling meet those guidelines.
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Thank you for your cooperation in promoting a healthier and more nutritional school environment for our students.