

SMART SNACKS/COMPETITIVE FOODS IN SCHOOLS

Calculator & Important Definitions

Calculator: An automated tool to evaluate products to determine if they meet the requirements can be found at: <http://rdp.healthiergeneration.org/calc/calculator/>

Additional information and details can be found at:

<http://www.squaremeals.org/Programs/NationalSchoolLunchProgram/SmartSnacks.aspx> and

<http://healthymeals.nal.usda.gov/smartsnacks>

Competitive food(s): All food 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 (NSLA) and the Child Nutrition Act (CNA).

School Campus: All area of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that is accessible to students during the school day.

School Day: The period from the midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.

Combination Foods: Products that contain two or more components representing two or more of the recommended food groups: fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein or grains.

Entrée Item: An item that is either:

- A combination food of meat/meat alternate and whole grain rich food; or
- A combination food of vegetable or fruit and meat/meat alternate; or
- A meat/meat alternate alone, with the exception of yogurt, low-fat or reduced fat cheese, nuts, seeds and nut or seed butters and meat snacks (such as dried beef jerky and meat sticks).

Fundraiser: USDA considers a fundraiser to be an event that includes any activity during which currency/tokens/tickets, etc. are exchanged for the sale/purchase of a product in support of the school or school-related activities. For example, giving away food but suggesting a donation would be considered a fundraiser, since funds may be raised as a result. Another example may include a vending machine when the profits are used to support a school-sponsored club or activity such as the school band or football team.

Record Retention: USDA requires that nutritional labels and information be maintained for 5 years for audit purposes.