

**Question: I want to bring a birthday cake and refreshments to my child's room for his birthday. What are the restrictions?**

**Answer:**

The policy prohibits "any food or beverage that has sugar or high fructose corn syrup listed as the first ingredient on the school premises until after the end of the last scheduled class". This would not preclude a parent from bringing a birthday cake, cupcakes, or other baked item for a birthday party. It does preclude any use of soft drinks or sweetened beverages to such a celebration during the school day. It would be very important to read the label and make the determination if an item has the first ingredient listed as sugar or high fructose corn syrup.

**Question: Who is responsible for monitoring this policy on parties?**

**Answer:**

The policy specifically notes that the school administrator or staff, student or student group, parent or parent group or any other interested party is responsible for compliance to this policy.

**Question: What about foods used as part of an instructional curriculum?**

**Answer:**

Teachers may use foods for instructional purposes as long as the items are not considered FMNV, as defined by USDA, or candy. Students in those classes that used foods as part of the instructional curriculum may consume those foods prepared as part of the class as long as they do not provide them to other students and/or classes. Foods provided as part of the class or school cultural heritage event are exempt from the policy, as long as the foods served are not served in competition to the school meal, during lunch or breakfast and regular meal service must continue to be available to all students.

**Question: What about food served or available for field trips?**

**Answer:**

School approved field trips are exempt from the nutrition policy. A school official must approve the date and purpose of the field trip.

**Question: If I pack my child's lunch how does this apply?**

**Answer:**

This policy does not restrict what parents may provide for their own child's breakfast, lunch, or snack. Parents may provide any item, including foods of minimum nutritional value for their own child's consumption, but may not provide the restricted items to other children at school during the school day. However, a local school board or even an individual school may adopt a more restrictive policy and limit the items that a child may bring. It is best to check with your school for individual policies.

**Question: The PTA wants to sell food items at breakfast as part of a fund raiser for the school. How will this affect fund raisers?**

**Answer:**

No foods of any type may be sold at any place on the school campus during meal service times, to include breakfast and lunch times. Neither may fundraisers be planned to occur just before the meal service in an effort to sell food items that would decrease participation in the school breakfast or school lunch program. All fund raisers should examine the items being sold and choices must promote

good health. This includes the selling of food as students gather on the school campus before school begins or as students wait on transportation or otherwise exit the school campus following school dismissal. No fundraisers may sell foods of minimal nutritional value during the school day or as described above. All events outside the school day are exempt from this policy.

**Question: When is the fundraiser policy to be implemented?**

**Answer:**

This policy is to be implemented fully by the completion of the 2005-06 school year.

**Question: We utilize catalog sales for fundraisers. The catalog has chocolate as one of the items that can be sold. The sales are all conducted after school hours. Can we sell the chocolate?**

**Answer:**

No fundraisers may sell foods of minimal nutritional value during the school day. All sales conducted after school hours are exempt from this policy. In any event, the label of the food item must be reviewed. The restrictions are that no food item with sugar or high fructose corn syrup may be available to children during school hours. Some chocolate does not have sugar listed as the first ingredient.

**Question: We have a contract for the purchase of bottled tea, juice mix, and snow cones. When do we have to change?**

**Answer:**

Any existing contract may be honored through the 2005-06 school year. All contracts beginning with the 2006-07 school year must incorporate the requirements on portion sizes, ingredients, and nutritional content for snacks and beverages sold in school cafeterias, vending machines, and school stores. If you can come to an agreement on changing items to meet the new policy requirements, that would be acceptable.

**Question: Our school system has a blanket contract for all schools to furnish drinks. Does this exempt the CNP?**

**Answer:**

No contract may include CNP as part of the vending. These funds are considered federal funds and must follow any legal requirements regarding purchasing. CNP is not a revenue sharing venue with general fund and must have a separate contract.