# OSPI CNS School Meal Programs Reference Sheet

### **Smart Snacks**

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) participating in school meal program must meet minimum requirements for all foods and beverages sold in school (also known as Smart Snacks in School) to increase the consumption of healthful foods during the school day and support a healthy school nutrition environment.

### Requirements

- All foods and beverages **sold** on the school campus (excluding reimbursable meals) during the school day must meet Smart Snack guidelines.
  - School Campus: All areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.
  - o School Day: Midnight before, to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day.
- Sugar-free chewing gum is exempt from all Smart Snack standards.
- Washington does not allow any exemptions for fundraisers.
  - o All food and beverage fundraisers must meet the Smart Snack Standards.

#### Reference

- Smart Snacks Final Rule
- SP23-2014v3

#### Resource

• Healthier Next Generation Smart Snack Calculator

### **Acronym Reference**

- CFR Code of Federal Regulations
- CNS Child Nutrition Services
- LEA Local Education Agency
- NSLP National School Lunch Program
- OSPI Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
- USDA United States Department of Agriculture



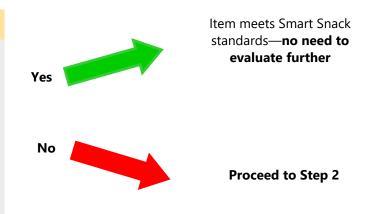
# Smart Snacks Reference Sheet—Foods

The Smart Snacks in School standards require all foods sold on "school campus" during the "school day" to meet standards for fat, saturated fat, trans fat, sugar, and sodium while promoting products that have whole grains, low fat dairy, fruits, vegetables or protein foods as their main ingredient.

Follow the steps to determine if a food item meets the Smart Snack standards.

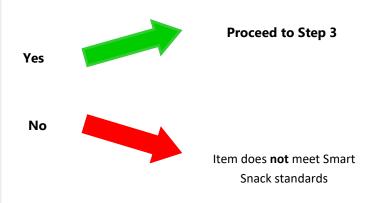
#### Step 1: Does the item meet one of the following exemptions?

- Fresh fruits and vegetables (with no added ingredients except water)
- Canned and frozen fruit (with no added ingredients except water or are packed in 100% juice, extra light or light syrup)
- Canned vegetables (low sodium and no-salt added allowed, no added fat)
- \*NSLP/SBP entrée items\* sold ala carte on day of OR day after service in NSLP/SBP \*entrée item= intended as the main dish. A combination meat/meat alternate and whole grain-rich food; a combination fruit/vegetable and meat/meat alternate food; a meat/meat alternate food along (with the exception of yogurt, cheese, seeds and nuts, or meat snacks); a grain only breakfast entrée.



#### **Step 2: Does the item meet ONE of the General Standards?**

	Standard	Notes
•	Whole grain-rich product	Must be 50% or more whole grain by weight or first ingredient must be a whole grain (OK if water is listed first).
•	First ingredient is a fruit/vegetable/dairy product or protein food	Dried/dehydrated fruits or vegetables meets the general standards Exception: dehydrated or concentrated fruit juice or concentrated fruit puree is considered added sugar and does not meet the general standard.
•	Combination food that contains at least 1/4 cup of fruit and/or vegetable	Combination food: Food that contains two or more components representing two or more of the food groups: fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein or grains.  Two items packaged together can be considered a combination food.



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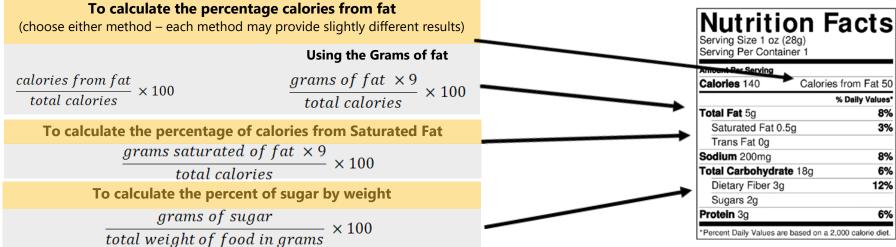
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Exemptions									
	Entrée	Snack	<ul> <li>Entrée= Intended as a main dish. A combination meat/meat alternate and whole grain- rich food; a combination fruit/vegetable and meat/meat alternate food; a meat/meat alternate food alone (with the exception of yogurt, cheese, seeds and nuts, or meat snacks); a grain only breakfast entrée.</li> </ul>						
Calories	≤ 350	≤ 200	No exemptions						
Sodium	≤ 480	≤ 200							
Total Fat ≤ 35% of calories			Reduced fat cheese (includes part-skim mozzarella)						
			Nuts, seeds and nut/seed butters						
			Items consisting of only dried fruit with nuts/seeds (no added nutritive sweeteners or fats)						
			• Seafood (no added fat)						
			Whole Eggs (no added fat)						
Saturated Fat < 10% of calories			Reduced fat cheese (includes part-skim mozzarella)						
			Nuts, seeds and nut/seed butters						
			Whole eggs (no added fat)						
			Items consisting of only dried fruit with nuts/seeds (no added nutritive sweeteners or fats)						
Trans Fat < 0.5 grams			No exemptions						
Sugar ≤ 35% (of weight from total sugars)		total	Dried whole fruits or vegetables and dehydrated fruits or vegetables (with no added nutritive sweeteners)						
			Dried whole fruits or vegetables and dehydrated fruits or vegetables with nutritive sweeteners that are required for processing and/or palatability (i.e. cranberries or tart cherries)						
			<ul> <li>Items consisting of only dried fruit with nuts/seeds (no added nutritive sweeteners or fats)</li> </ul>						

Item meets Smart Snack standards





Item does **not** meet Smart Snack standards



# Smart Snacks Reference Sheet—Beverages

Beverage Standards						
Elementary School*	Middle School*	High School**				
No Size limit	No Size Limit	No size limit				
≤ 8 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz	≤ 12 fl oz				
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Not allowed	Not allowed	≤ 20 fl oz				
Not allowed	Not allowed	≤ 12 fl oz				
	Elementary School*  No Size limit  ≤ 8 fl oz  ≤ 8 fl oz  ≤ 8 fl oz  Not allowed	Elementary School*       Middle School*         No Size limit       No Size Limit         ≤ 8 fl oz       ≤ 12 fl oz         ≤ 8 fl oz       ≤ 12 fl oz         Not allowed       Not allowed				

<sup>\*</sup>Must be caffeine free (except trace amounts of naturally occurring caffeine substances)

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<sup>\*\*</sup>May contain caffeine

# **Coffee and Coffee Drinks**

- Plain Coffee or Espresso or Tea is considered an allowable beverage
- Coffee/Tea with accompaniments:

-allowed but must be sold together and meet calorie standards or "other flavored beverages"

 $\leq$  .5 kcal/oz (20 or less) **OR**  $\leq$  5 KCAL/OZ (12 oz or less)

- Coffee "drink"
  - 1. Allowed when made from two allowable beverages/in allowed amounts (nothing added)
    - i.e. espresso + steamed nonfat flavored/unflavored milk (total size ≤ 12 fl oz)
    - i.e. espresso + steamed low fat unflavored milk (total size ≤ 12 fl oz)
    - i.e. espresso + steamed nonfat flavored milk + ice (total size ≤ 12 fl oz)
  - 2. When made with anything other than or in addition to allowable beverages must meet "other flavored beverages" calorie standards of ≤ 5 kcal/oz (12 oz or less)

Calories from allowed beverages are NOT included / Final beverage size may NOT exceed 12 fl oz

- i.e. 1 oz espresso + 1 oz sugar free syrup + 10 oz of nonfat milk (total size ≤ 12 floz)
- i.e. 1 oz espresso + 1 oz sugar free syrup + 6 oz of nonfat milk + 4 oz crushed ice (total size ≤ 12 fl oz)

## **Smoothies**

- Smoothies as a Food
  - 1. As an Entrée: if it contains a M/MA + fruit or vegetable; the first ingredients is one of the main food group categories and it meets nutrient standards for an entrée
    - i.e. yogurt + fruit + milk
  - 2. As a Snack: if it contains no meat/meat alternate; the first ingredient is one of the main food group categories and it meets nutrient standards for a snack

i.e. fruit + milk

#### • Smoothies as a Beverage

- 1. Allowed when made from two allowable beverages and when limited in portion size
  - i.e. 100% juice + nonfat or low fat (1% milkfat or less) unflavored or flavored milk (total size ≤m 8 fl oz grade school/ 12 fl oz middle/high school
  - i.e. 100% juice + nonfat unflavored milk + ice (total size ≤ 8 fl oz grade school/ 12 flz oz middle/high school
- 2. When made with anything other than or in addition to allowable juice/milk must meet "other flavored beverage" calorie standards of ≤ 5 kcal/oz (12 oz or less)

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