

## Nutritious Food Choices

At every possible eating occasion, students will have opportunities to practice what they are taught in nutrition education and choose nutritious snacks that are low in fat, sodium and added sugars.

Schools are encouraged to take steps to ensure the following:

- nutritious foods are always available as an affordable option whenever food is served or sold;
- students have limited opportunities to eat snacks high in fat, sodium or added sugars; and
- competition with nutritious meals served by the school food service program is minimized.

The emphasis on healthy choices applies to:

- a la carte items (separate food choices) offered by the food service program;
- “competitive foods” which are snacks and beverages sold from vending machines, school stores and fundraising activities that compete with the food service program; and
- refreshments that are available at school parties, celebrations and meetings.

Each beverage offered for sale to students from any source, including the school cafeteria, vending machines, school stores and fundraising activities conducted on school grounds, shall satisfy the minimum nutritional standards for beverages adopted by the State Board of Education. The sale of diet soda on high school campuses is prohibited between bell to bell of the school day. These standards apply to beverages sold on campus during the regular school day and extended school day, including but not limited to extracurricular activities such as clubs, yearbook, band, student government, and drama as well as childcare programs.

USDA guidelines allow up to three events per school year that compete with the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program (NSBLP). Fundraising, special events, and parties that include food and compete with the NSBLP may be held during the school day and during meal times with the permission of the school principal in moderation and with consideration consistent with the goals of this policy and USDA guidelines.

These standards shall not apply to the sale of beverages at school-related events where parents and other adults are invited attendees. Such activities include but are not limited to interscholastic sporting events, school plays and band concerts.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-134.5 (healthy beverage requirement)  
C.R.S. 22-32-136.3 (trans fat ban)  
1 CCR 301-79 (State Board of Education – healthy beverages rules)

CROSS REF.: ADF, School Wellness

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