

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-FOOD RESTRICTIONS**

References: *Education Code* sections 49430, 49431, 49431.7; *California Code of Regulations* sections 15575, 15577, 15578; *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.11, 220.12

An **elementary school** contains no grade higher than grade 6.  
**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.  
**Applies to ALL** foods sold to students by any entity.  
**Sold** means the exchange of food for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

**Compliant foods**

**Must meet one of the following general food standards:**

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item\* (or have one of these as the first ingredient), or
- Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable.

**AND must meet the following nutrition standards:**

- ≤ 35% calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, fruit, non-fried vegetables, seafood), **and**
- < 10% calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), **and**
- ≤ 35% sugar by weight (except fruit\*\*, non-fried vegetables, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), **and**
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), **and**
- ≤ 200 milligrams sodium per item/container (no exceptions), **and**
- ≤ 200 calories per item/container (no exceptions)

**Paired foods:**

- If exempt food(s) are combined with nonexempt food(s) or added fat/sugar they must meet ALL nutrition standards above.
- If two foods exempt from one or more of the nutrition standards are paired together and sold as a single item, the item must meet for trans fat, sodium, and calories.

\* A whole grain item contains:

- The statement "Diets rich in whole grain foods... and low in total fat... may help reduce the risk of heart disease..." **or**
- A whole grain as the first ingredient, **or**
- A combination of whole grain ingredients comprising at least 51% of the total grain weight (manufacturer must verify), **or**
- At least 51% whole grain by weight.

\*\* Dried blueberries cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, chopped dates, or chopped figs that contain added sugar are exempt from fat and sugar standards. Canned fruit in 100% juice only.

**CHECK YOUR DISTRICT'S WELLNESS POLICY FOR STRICTER RULES.**

**Groups or individuals selling foods/beverages to students must keep their own records as proof of compliance.**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-BEVERAGE RESTRICTIONS**

References: *Education Code* Section 49431.5, *California Code of Regulations* Section 15576, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.10, 210.11, 220.8, 220.12

An **elementary school** contains no grade higher than grade 6.  
**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.  
**Applies to ALL** beverages sold to students by any entity.  
**Sold** means the exchange of beverages for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

**A compliant beverage must be marketed or labeled as a fruit and/or vegetable juice, milk, non-dairy milk, or water AND meet all criteria under that specific category.**

**Compliant beverages:**

1. Fruit or Vegetable juice:
  - a. ≥ 50% juice **and**
  - b. No added sweeteners
  - c. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
2. Milk:
  - a. Cow's or goat's milk, **and**
  - b. 1% (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), **and**
  - c. Contains Vitamins A & D, **and**
  - d. ≥ 25% of the calcium Daily Value per 8 fl. oz., **and**
  - e. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
  - f. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
3. Non-dairy milk:
  - a. Nutritionally equivalent to milk (see 7 *CFR* 210.10(d)(3), 220.8(i)(3)), must contain per 8 fl. oz.:
    - ≥ 276 mg calcium
    - ≥ 8 g protein
    - ≥ 500 IU Vit A
    - ≥ 100 IU Vit D
    - ≥ 24 mg magnesium
    - ≥ 222 mg phosphorus
    - ≥ 349 mg potassium
    - ≥ 0.44 mg riboflavin
    - ≥ 1.1 mcg Vit B12, **and**
  - b. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz., **and**
  - c. ≤ 5 grams fat per 8 fl. oz.
  - d. ≤ 8 fl. oz. serving size
4. Water:
  - a. No added sweeteners
  - b. No serving size

All beverages must be caffeine-free (trace amounts are allowable).

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Reference: *California Code of Regulations* Section 15500

**Student organization** is defined as a group of students that are NOT associated with the curricula or academics of the school or district.  
**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Student organization sales must comply with all food and beverage standards **AND all** of the following:

1. Only **one food or beverage item** per sale.
2. The food or beverage item must be **pre-approved** by the **governing board** of the school district.
3. The sale must occur **after the last lunch period** has ended.
4. The food or beverage item **cannot be prepared on campus**.
5. Each school is allowed **four sales** per year.
6. The food or beverage item cannot be the same item **sold in the food service program** at that school during the same school day.

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-FOOD RESTRICTIONS**

References: *Education Code* sections 49430, 49431.2, 49431.7, *California Code of Regulations* sections 15575, 15577, 15578, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.11, 220.12

A **middle/junior high** contains grades 7 or 8, 7 to 9, 7 to 10.

A **high school** contains any of grades 10 to 12.

**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

**Applies** to ALL foods sold to students by any entity.

**Sold** means the exchange of food for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

**“Snack” foods must meet one of the following general food standards:**

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item\* (or have one of these as the first ingredient), or
- Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable.

**AND must meet the following nutrition standards:**

- ≤ 35% calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, fruit, non-fried vegetables, seafood), **and**
- < 10% calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese or part skim mozzarella, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), **and**
- ≤ 35% sugar by weight (except fruit\*\*, non-fried vegetables, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), **and**
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), **and**
- ≤ 200 milligrams sodium per item/container (no exceptions), **and**
- ≤ 200 calories per item/container (no exceptions)

**Paired foods:**

- If exempt food(s) are combined with nonexempt food(s) or added fat/sugar they must meet ALL nutrition standards above.
- If two foods exempt from one or more of the nutrition standards are paired together and sold as a single item, the item must meet for trans fat, sodium, and calories.

**“Entrée” foods must be intended as the main dish and be a:**

- Meat/meat alternate and whole grain rich food, **or**
- Meat/meat alternate and fruit or non-fried vegetable, **or**
- Meat/meat alternate alone (cannot be yogurt, cheese, nuts, seeds, or meat snacks = these are considered a “snack” food).

**AND**

A competitive entrée **sold by District/School Food Service the day of or the day after** it appears on the reimbursable meal program menu must be:

- ≤ 400 calories, **and**
- ≤ 35% calories from fat
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving

A competitive entrée **sold by Food Service if NOT on the menu the day of or day after or any other entity (PTA, student organization, etc.)** must meet one of the following general food standards:

- Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item (or have one of these as the first ingredient), **or**
- Be a combination food containing at least ¼ cup fruit or vegetable

**AND meet the following nutrition standards:**

- ≤ 35% calories from fat, **and**
- < 10% calories from saturated fat, **and**
- ≤ 35% sugar by weight, **and**
- < 0.5 grams trans fat per serving, **and**
- ≤ 480 milligrams sodium, **and**
- ≤ 350 calories

\* A whole grain item contains:

- The statement “Diets rich in whole grain foods... and low in total fat... may help reduce the risk of heart disease...,” **or**
- A whole grain as the first ingredient, **or**
- A combination of whole grain ingredients comprising at least 51% of the total grain weight (manufacturer must verify), **or**
- At least 51% whole grain by weight.

\*\* Dried blueberries cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, chopped dates, or chopped figs that contain added sugar are exempt from fat and sugar standards. Canned fruit in 100% juice only.

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**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-BEVERAGE RESTRICTIONS**

References: *Education Code* Section 49431.5, *California Code of Regulations* Section 15576, *Code of Federal Regulations* sections 210.10, 210.11, 220.8, 220.12

A **middle/junior high** contains grades 7 or 8, 7 to 9, 7 to 10.

A **high school** contains any of grades 10 to 12.

**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

**Applies** to ALL beverages sold to students by any entity.

**Sold** means the exchange of beverages for money, coupons, vouchers, or order forms, when any part of the exchange occurs on a school campus.

**A compliant beverage must be marketed or labeled as a fruit and/or vegetable juice, milk, non-dairy milk, water, electrolyte replacement beverage/sports drink, or flavored water AND meet all criteria under that specific category.**

**Compliant beverages:**

1. Fruit or Vegetable juice:
  - a. ≥ 50% juice **and**
  - b. No added sweeteners
  - c. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
2. Milk:
  - a. Cow’s or goat’s milk, **and**
  - b. 1% (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), **and**
  - c. Contains Vitamins A & D, **and**
  - d. ≥ 25% of the calcium Daily Value per 8 fl. oz., **and**
  - e. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz.
  - f. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
3. Non-dairy milk:
  - a. Nutritionally equivalent to milk (see 7 *CFR* 210.10(d)(3), 220.8(i)(3)), **and**
  - b. ≤ 28 grams of total sugar per 8 fl. oz., **and**
  - c. ≤ 5 grams fat per 8 fl. oz.
  - d. ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size
4. Water:
  - a. No added sweeteners
  - b. No serving size limit
5. Electrolyte Replacement Beverages (**HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY**)
  - a. Must be either ≤ 5 calories/8 fl. oz. (no calorie) OR ≤ 40 calories/8 fl. oz. (low calorie)
  - b. Water as first ingredient
  - c. ≤ 16.8 grams added sweetener/8 fl. oz.
  - d. 10-150 mg sodium/8 fl. oz.
  - e. 10-90 mg potassium/8 fl. oz.
  - f. No added caffeine
  - g. ≤ 20 fl. oz. serving size (no calorie) OR ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size (low calorie)
6. Flavored Water (**HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY**)
  - a. Must be either ≤ 5 calories/8 fl. oz. (no calorie) OR ≤ 40 calories/8 fl. oz. (low calorie)
  - b. No added sweetener
  - c. No added caffeine
  - d. ≤ 20 fl. oz. serving size (no calorie) OR ≤ 12 fl. oz. serving size (low calorie)

All beverages must be caffeine-free (trace amounts are allowable).

**MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL-STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Reference: *California Code of Regulations* Section 15501

**Student organization** is defined as a group of students that are NOT associated with the curricula or academics of the school or district.

**Effective** from midnight to one-half hour after the end of the official school day.

Student organization sales must comply with all food and beverage standards **AND all** of the following:

1. Up to **three categories** of foods or beverages may be sold each day (e.g., chips, sandwiches, juices, etc.).
2. Food or beverage item(s) must be **pre-approved** by the governing board of the school district.
3. Only **one student organization** is allowed to sell each day.
4. Food(s) or beverage(s) **cannot be prepared on campus.**
5. The food or beverage categories sold **cannot** be the same as the categories **sold in the food service program** at that school during the same school day.
6. In addition to one student organization sale each day, any and **all student organizations** may sell on the **same four designated days** per year. School administration may set these dates.