

Submitting Food and Beverage Products for Approval

The California Department of Education (CDE) reviews foods and beverages for compliance with the state nutrition standards for foods and beverages in schools. Foods that meet the California Nutrition Standards, and beverages that meet the state requirements of Section (7 CFR 210.31 (c)(2) and (3) of the California General Statutes and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Smart Snacks standards, will be added to the KCUSD's List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages.

To submit a food or beverage product to KCUSD Food Service Department for review, provide a PDF of the actual product package, artwork for the product package, or a product specification sheet. KCUSD prefers that the submission includes the **actual product packaging** because it contains the most complete and accurate information. The product submission must include the following:

1. **Name of manufacturer** _____
2. **Name of product** _____
3. **Copy of the Nutrition facts label**
4. **Copy of the actual list of ingredients**
5. **Actual package size**, which must list both individual serving size and actual package size. For frozen desserts, the serving size must include both **volume** (fluid ounces) and **weight** (ounces or grams) of one serving of the product.

Please submit all required information via e-mail to cardenas-c@kcusd.com Our Food Service Department will review the products and you will be notified of products approval status via e-mail. The review process is generally completed within 7-10 days.



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