2025-2026 SY
U.S.D.A. Fundraiser Exemption Day Notification

Date: _____

School Name: _____

Submitted by: _____

Approved by C.N.S.:_____ **Date:** _____

Approved by Chief Financial Officer: _____ **Date:** _____

The U.S.D.A. Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) requires that all foods sold outside of the school meal programs, on the school campus and at any time during the school day must meet the nutrition standards set forth in the HHFKA. This rule is also known as the 'Smart Snacks" rule.

However, in recognition of the tradition of school fundraisers, the HHFKA provides special exemptions for conducting infrequent school-sponsored fundraisers during which foods, which do not meet the nutrition standards for Smart Snacks, may be sold. School Districts must include information on exempt fundraisers in their local wellness policy to ensure that students, parents, and staff understand when fundraising exemptions apply. If a School District chooses to hold exempt fundraisers, the School District must maintain adequate documentation to indicate the dates for each site's exempt fundraisers.

Special note: USDA/TDA regulations regarding Exemption Day sales are:

a) Fundraiser items cannot be sold in the cafeteria where reimbursable meals are prepared, served or consumed.
b) Fundraisers and exemption day sales cannot be held during regular meal times or offered in lieu of student meals to take the place of reimbursable breakfasts and lunches.
c) Fundraiser sales must not be held at times that would prevent all students from having access to reimbursable breakfasts and lunches.

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) policy allows **(6) six** days per **campus** *(not teacher or classroom)* per school year to sell foods or beverages on campus that do not have to meet federal nutrition standards. These foods, which do not meet the nutrition standards for Smart Snacks, must not be sold where and/or when reimbursable meals are being served or consumed.

Please specify the Date(s) below for the Exemption Days at your campus.

Exemption Day 1 Date: _____ Exemption Day 4 Date: _____

Exemption Day 2 Date: _____ Exemption Day 5 Date: _____

Exemption Day 3 Date: _____ Exemption Day 6 Date: _____

Please submit to Child Nutrition Services for approval and response 2 weeks prior to holding Exempt Fundraiser. A copy must remain on campus and with the CNS Office.

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