Food Purchasing Tool

Section 1: Requirements

Is the food provided during the school day?

Yes / No → No nutrition standards required. **You have completed this tool.**

Can the food be eaten by students while they are at school?

Yes / No → No nutrition standards required. **You have completed this tool.**

If it's a fundraiser, does it take place during lunch hours?

Yes → **Not Compliant**

Fundraiser foods or beverages may not be sold in competition with school meals in the foodservice area during meal service.

Suggestions:

- Select a different time to sell your fundraiser.
- Select non-food items for the fundraiser
- Make the fundraiser available to students after their lunch period

No → **Is the food or beverages purchased from the pre-approved Smart Snack List?**

Yes → **Compliant**
You have completed this tool.

No → **Are all food items being provided free from ultra-processed ingredients?**

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Ultra Processed Ingredients

1. Potassium bromate
2. Propylparaben
3. Titanium dioxide
4. Brominated vegetable oil
5. Yellow Dye 5 & 6
6. Blue Dye 1 & 2
7. Green Dye 3 & 40

Yes → **Do the food and beverages meet Smart Snack nutrition standards?**

Complete the Smart Snacks nutrition calculator or reach out to Child Nutrition.

Yes → **Compliant**
You have completed this tool.

No → **Not Compliant**

All food sold must meet Smart Snack standards.

Suggestions:

- Select a different food item that meets Smart Snacks nutrition standards
- Select non-food items for the fundraiser
- Submit for a fundraiser exemption (see section #2)

No → **Not Compliant**

Ultraprocessed food must not be served or sold.

Suggestions:

- Select a different food item that does not include any of these ingredients
- Select non-food items for the fundraiser

Section 2: Recommendations for Fundraiser Exemptions

⚠ **The Wellness Policy Committee recommends that no more than 10 exemptions are used per school each school year.**
Work with your school's Office Manager, Assistant Principal, or Principal as they are responsible for the oversight of fundraisers on your campus.

⚠ **Fundraisers should be single events for a duration not exceeding one week.** *HNS 20-2019*

⚠ **Consider a non-food based fundraiser.**

⚠ **Work with your Office Manager to submit the Exemption Form to ADE.**

*For assistance with this form or the nutrition calculator tools, reach out to the **Child Nutrition** team at **602-381-6048**.*
Additional info can be found on the district's Child Nutrition website: https://www.csdk12.org/departments/child-nutrition-and-wellness