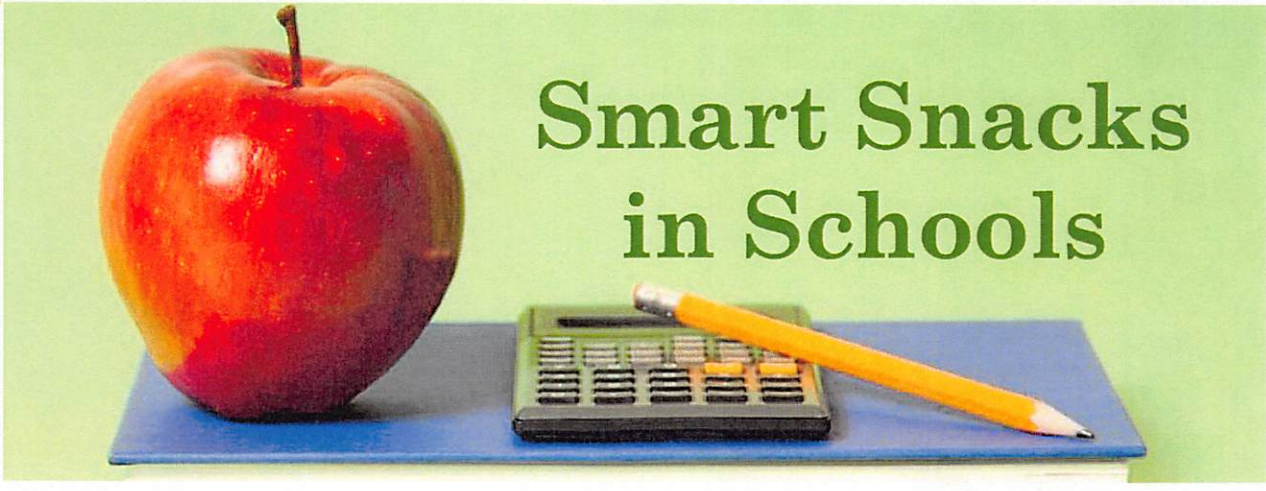


Dear Parent:

Children need access to healthy foods and opportunities to be physically active in order to grow, learn, and thrive. Our students are offered healthy school meals with even more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. In July of 2014, the **Smart Snacks in Schools** standards were implemented and have built on those advancements to ensure that our students are only offered tasty and nutritious foods during the school day.

By supporting healthy eating and physical activity, Warren County Public Schools is committed to providing school environments that promote and protect children's health, well-being, and ability to learn. Our district's **Health and Wellness Policy** emphasizes the importance of "smart snacks" in several areas. As the new school year begins, we want to make you aware of the nutrition aspects of this policy.

- **Classroom celebrations** should foster healthy food choices and portion control.
- Events involving food and/or beverages must be held in compliance with the federal **Competitive Food Rule**. This means that these events cannot begin until at least 30 minutes after the end of the last lunch period.
- To ensure that foods served to children are safe and sanitary, only store-bought items **with an ingredient label** may be brought to the classroom for snacks and parties.
- For **fundraisers**, food and beverages that do not meet minimum nutritional standards should only be sold 30 minutes after the end of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this policy. If you have any questions, please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,

Kelly Holt, SNS
Food Service Director

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Competitive Foods

MINIMAL NUTRITIONAL VALUE

The sale of competitive foods and beverages to students during the school day shall be in compliance with current federal and state regulations.

DEFINITIONS

"Competitive Food" shall mean all food and beverages sold to students on the school campus during the school day, other than those meals reimbursable under the programs authorized by the National School Lunch Act and the Child Nutrition Act.

"School-day" means the period of time from midnight before to thirty (30) minutes after the end of the official school day.

"School Campus" shall mean all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the school day.

"School day beverages" means plain water, 100% fruit or vegetable juice, and low fat (1%) white, skim or flavored skim milk. Students shall not bring carbonated beverages to school to be consumed during breakfast or lunch serving periods.

NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS

No school may sell competitive foods or beverages, whether from vending machines, school stores or canteens, classrooms, teacher or parent groups, from midnight before until thirty (30) minutes after the last school lunch period of the school day. From thirty (30) minutes after the last lunch period closes until thirty (30) minutes after the school day, food and beverages sold must conform with nutritional standards specified in state and federal regulations.

Fund-raising activities held off of the school campus or not during the school day are not subject to regulatory requirements of 702 KAR 006:090 or federal competitive food limitations.

STUDENT-BASED ENTERPRISE

"Student-based enterprise" means a District approved program operated by the District's students as part of a course designed to provide students with knowledge and experience of the operation of a business.

The Board may identify a student-based enterprise to sell competitive foods throughout the school day and establish policies for the operation of and the use of the proceeds from the student-based enterprise. Competitive foods sold by a student-based enterprise shall comply with the minimum nutritional standards established in 702 KAR 006:090.

REFERENCES:

7 C.F.R. 210.11b; 7 C.F.R. 220.12
KRS 156.160; KRS 158.850; KRS 158.854
702 KAR 006:090
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*

RELATED POLICIES:

07.12; 09.2

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