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Memo Text
Beginning July 1, 2014 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) All Foods Sold on Campus rules become effective for all school districts in Arkansas that participate in the federal Child Nutrition Programs (CNP). In addition to the USDA regulations, Arkansas school districts must also comply with the "RULES GOVERNING NUTRITION AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STANDARDS AND BODY MASS INDEX FOR AGE ASSESSMENT PROTOCOLS IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS" updated February 2012 (also known as the Arkansas Nutrition Standards). The Arkansas Nutrition Standards and the yearly update to the Arkansas Maximum Portion Size list are promulgated under the authority of Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-133 through § 20-7-135.

The purpose of this memo is to help School Food Authorities (SFAs) understand how the USDA regulations affect and/or change the Arkansas Nutrition Standards as well as the regulations that MUST be followed for the 2014-15 school year regarding foods and beverages made available to students.

All foods sold or given away on school campus during the declared school day must adhere to all Arkansas and federal regulations. Please see [Arkansas Nutrition Standards](http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/Arkansas%20Nutrition%20Standards.pdf) [http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/Arkansas%20Nutrition%20Standards.pdf](http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/SP23-2014v2s.pdf) and [USDA Memo SP 23-2014v2](http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/SP23-2014v2s.pdf) http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/SP23-2014v2s.pdf.

At elementary schools: No food or beverages may be sold or given away outside of the federal child nutrition programs [National School Lunch Program (NSLP), School Breakfast Program (SBP), Fresh Fruits and Vegetable Program (FFVP), Afterschool Snack Program and Seamless Summer Option (SSO)]. ([Arkansas Nutrition Standards](http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/Arkansas%20Nutrition%20Standards.pdf) http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/Arkansas%20Nutrition%20Standards.pdf 8.01.1, 8.01.2, 8.01.3).

Schools wishing to sell or give away food or beverage items to students at middle, junior high or high school must ensure that any/all items meet the following criteria:

- 1) Item(s) is not made available to students until **at least 30 minutes** after the last lunch period has ended; AND
- 2) The food or beverage item **is listed** on the Arkansas Maximum Portion Size List for SY 2014-15 http://cnn.k12.ar.us/files/ade_memos/portioncontrolmemo/Max%20Portion%20Chart%202014-15.doc; AND
- 3) The food or beverage is **within the portion size listed** on the Arkansas Maximum Portion Size List for SY 2014-15; AND
- 4) Using the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Calculator ([link below](https://schools.healthiergeneration.org/focus_areas/snacks_and_beverages/smart_snacks/alliance_product_calculator/)), the food or beverage meets the **nutritional standards** as required by USDA regulations.

The link to the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Calculator can be found at: https://schools.healthiergeneration.org/focus_areas/snacks_and_beverages/smart_snacks/alliance_product_calculator/

SUGGESTION: Print the Calculator page stating the product is in compliance and attach it to the nutrition fact label for the products that are approved.

USDA Food and Nutrition Services has a web page with an Overview, Regulations / Policy, and Technical Assistance regarding competitive food rules: <http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/smart-snacks-school>.

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