

**1. The School Day, according to USDA, begins at midnight until 30 minutes after the last bell.**

**2. Is popcorn permitted to be sold and consumed during the school day?**

Answer: Yes as long as it follows the Smart Snacks guidelines and passes the Smart Snacks calculator. The school nutrition office will be publishing a list of authorized snacks that may be sold and given to students. Currently the popping of popcorn in oil does not meet the Smart Snacks guidelines due to the high fat content. However, there are approved pre-popped popcorn products that may be sold. In elementary and middle schools popcorn may be sold up to 30 minutes before and/or 30 minutes after meal times. In high schools the items may be sold in any areas except where reimbursable meals are either served or consumed. Popcorn popped in oil in popcorn machines may be sold 30 minutes after school is over, in the evenings, or on weekends.

**3. Can candies, chips, and other items that do not comply with the Smart Snacks guidelines be sold during the school day?**

Answer: These items may **not** be sold during the school day in any elementary, middle, or high school. However, these items may be sold 30 minutes after school is over, in the evenings, or on weekends. If campuses wish to sell snacks during the school day or immediately after school then those snacks must adhere to the Smart Snack guidelines.

**4. Is it permissible to serve “Muffins for Moms” or “Donuts for Dads” in the morning before school starts?**

Answer: Yes these items may be provided as long as they comply with the Smart Snacks policy and they are not served or consumed in any area where reimbursable meals are provided. If there was no chance of students being present for these activities then it would be ok to provide any muffin or donut.

**5. If a campus activity is having a food catalog fundraiser is it ok to distribute any of those items during the school day?**

Answer: Yes, if those fundraisers sell items that are not prepared to consume, i.e. cookie dough, un-cooked pizzas, etc... These items may be distributed to students immediately after school. However any catalog food/candy items that do not comply with Smart Snacks may not be distributed to students until the end of the school day (30 minutes after school). However, parents may pick these items up anytime during the school day. Students who ride the bus and/or are pickup by a day-care provider may take the catalog sale items home as long as they are not opened and consumed.

**6. If a parent brought pizza for a class around 3:00 p.m. during the school day is that permissible?**

Answer: Yes these pizzas for the class is permitted on the 3 “party” free dates for elementary and if permitted by the principal on the other 6 free dates as well. For middle school this would also apply. High schools may have these pizzas provided anytime during the school day except in areas where reimbursable meals are consumed or served.

**7. If parents, teachers, and administrators wish to give students snacks during the school day is this permitted?**

Answer: Yes, it is ok to provide snacks as long as the snacks comply with the Smart Snacks guidelines for both elementary and middle schools. The only exception is that parents may provide any type of snack(s) they wish for their child only. The high schools are exempt from following the Smart Snacks guidelines for foods that are given away. School nutrition will provide a suggested list of items that adhere to the Smart Snack guidelines.

**8. Is Lauren’s Law still to be followed with the new Smart Snacks guidelines?**

Answer: Yes. The Lauren’s Law states that a parent/legal guardian or grandparent may bring in any food product (cakes/cupcakes) on the occasion of the child’s birthday for the classroom. It does not: 1. Require the teacher to stop instruction to allow for the birthday party. 2. Allow parents/legal guardians or grandparents a right of access to the classroom. 3. Allow balloons, decorations, gifts, etc. The principals have discretion on when to allow the consumption of the food products during the school day. The food products cannot be consumed in the cafeteria during the meal serving periods.

**\*If you have any questions please contact the School Nutrition Office at 336-0775.**