

What You Need To Know About the School Food and Beverage Policy

Fundraising Facts on the new Nutrition Standards for Schools

Q. What does this policy mean for schools?

A. All food and beverages sold in schools for school purposes (e.g., catered lunch programs) must meet the nutrition standards set out in the policy. This includes food and beverages sold in all venues, through all programs and at all events (e.g., bake sales, sports events).

Q. Are there any exemptions?

A. The standards do not apply to food and beverages that are:

- offered in schools to students at no cost;
- brought from home or purchased off school premises and are not for resale in schools; (MacMillan's products are purchased off site & for home use)
- available for purchase during field trips off school premises;
- sold in schools for non-school purposes (e.g., sold by an outside organization that is using the gymnasium after school hours for a non-school-related event);
- sold for fundraising activities that occur off school premises; (MacMillan's products are purchased off site & for home use)
- sold in staff rooms.

Q. Do the nutrition standards apply to food or beverages sold for Fundraising activities?

A. It depends where the fundraising takes place. The nutrition standards apply to food and beverages sold on school premises for school purposes (e.g., Hotdog & Pizza Day Fundraising lunch programs, bake sales). MacMillan's products are purchased off site and for home use.

The Nutrition Standards DO NOT APPLY TO Fundraising with food and beverages sold off school premises. This would include fundraising activities that occur in a community centre or door-to-door (MacMillan's products are sold within the community for home use).

Q. What about special-event days such as pizza lunches?

A. A school principal, in consultation with the school council, may designate up to ten days as special-event days on which food and beverages sold in schools would be exempt from the nutrition standards. Principals are also encouraged to consult with their students in making these decisions.