



Administrative Procedures

FAQ's Related to Hays CISD Nutrition, Wellness, and Fundraising Policy:

1. Are there any Smart Snacks approved items which could be used for celebrations?

Yes. There are a variety of food and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks rule including items such as ice cream, cookies, popcorn, pizza, and juice. Please contact Child Nutrition for assistance finding items which meet your needs and the requirements of Smart Snacks. Snacks can be purchased through Child Nutrition at a low cost.

2. Can we have any type of food fundraiser during the school day?

Yes. Fundraisers that sell non-food items and/or foods and beverages that meet the Smart Snacks rule may be held at any time or day during the school year except 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes following meal periods. In addition, each campus is allowed 6 exempt days each school year to hold fundraisers and/or celebrations that do not meet the Smart Snacks rule.

3. Can administrators and/or staff use food for instructional purposes?

Yes. A small sample of food is allowed to enhance lessons about nutrition, food or culture. However, you should not serve a meal during a lesson as this may interfere with a student's breakfast or lunch intake.

4. Can parents bring outside food such as "fast food" for their child to eat during lunch?

Yes. Parents may provide any food for their own child. However, parents cannot provide food for any children other than their own.

5. Can parents bring food for students other than their child to consume during the school day?

No. A parent can only bring food and/or beverages for consumption by their child. A parent cannot bring any food item to another child even with parent permission.

6. Can we have celebrations during meal periods?

No. You cannot have a celebration or food fundraiser 30 minutes prior to and 30 minutes following meal periods.

7. Can parents bring baked goods or other treats to celebrate their child's birthday?

Yes. Parents can bring a treat on the date of their child's birth for their child or their child's class in the last 15 minutes of the school day or after school. However, these treats cannot be distributed in the cafeteria and should be free of any known allergens.