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## **WELLNESS**

**Food Sales:** All food items available through schools and school functions should meet or exceed nutritional standards established by the NH Healthy School Best Coalition.

**Elementary Schools:** The school food service program will approve and provide all food and beverage sales to students in elementary schools. Foods in elementary schools should be sold as balanced meals.

**Middle/Junior High and High Schools:** In middle/junior high and high schools, all foods and beverages sold individually outside the reimbursable school meal programs (including those sold through a la carte [snack] lines, vending machines, school stores, concessions, fundraising, etc.) to students during the school day, will meet the following nutrition and portion size standards:

<u>Beverages</u>: Beverages sold on school property include: plain bottled water, low fat or skim milk, 100% fruit juices, 100% vegetable juice, light juice, low-fat or fat free chocolate milk (trivial amount of caffeine).

Beverages not sold on school property include: soda, caffeinated drinks (coffee, hot chocolate, ice tea, and sodas), sports drinks, lemonade, and punch.

Foods: Any item sold individually:

- Shall meet or exceed nutritional guidelines established by the USDA and NH Healthy School Coalition Best Practices Health Snack Coalition
- Shall have no more than 35% of its calories from fat (excluding nuts, seeds, peanut butter, and other nut butters) and 10% of its calories from saturated and trans fat combined;
- Shall have no more than 35% of its *weight* from added sugars;
- Shall contain no more than 230 mg of sodium per serving for chips, cereals, crackers, French fries, baked goods, and other snack items; will contain no more than 480 mg of sodium per serving for pastas, meats, and soups;
- Shall contain no more than 600 mg of sodium for pizza, sandwiches, and main dishes.
- A choice of at least two fruits and/or non-fried vegetables shall be offered for sale at any location on the school site where foods are sold. Such items could include, but are not limited to, fresh fruits and vegetables; 100% fruit or vegetable juice; fruit-based drinks that are at least 50% fruit juice and that do not contain additional caloric sweeteners; cooked, dried, or canned fruits (canned in fruit juice or light syrup); and cooked, dried, or canned vegetables (that meet the above fat and sodium guidelines).

<u>Portion Sizes:</u> Limit portion sizes of foods and beverages sold individually to those listed below:

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- One and one-quarter ounces for chips, crackers, popcorn, cereal, trail mix, nuts, seeds, dried fruit, or jerky;
- One ounce for cookies;
- Two ounces for cereal bars, granola bars, pastries, muffins, doughnuts, bagels, and other bakery items;
- Four fluid ounces for frozen desserts, including, but not limited to, low-fat or fatfree ice cream;
- Eight ounces for non-frozen yogurt;
- Twelve fluid ounces for beverages, excluding water; and
- The portion size of a la carte entrees and side dishes, including potatoes, will not be greater than the size of comparable portions offered as part of school meals. Fruits and non-fried vegetables are exempt from portion-size limits.