

Nutrition Standards

The Charter School shall provide school meals which meet or exceed the nutritional standards required United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) program regulations of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the National School Breakfast Program (SBP). Additionally, the Charter School shall comply with requirements of the Healthy and Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 and the Smart Snacks in Schools standards with regard to the nutritional content of all food sold or provided by the school, including school meals, a la carte items, foods sold from vending machines, and foods sold for fundraisers. The Charter School strongly encourages the sale or distribution of nutrient dense, Smart Snack compliant, foods for all school functions and activities. Nutrient dense foods are those foods that provide students with calories rich in the nutrient content needed to be healthy. In an effort to support the consumption of nutrient dense foods in the school setting the Charter School has adopted the federal nutrition standards cited above for the sale of foods and beverages on school grounds. Food and beverage allows only those food and beverages the meet the Smart Snacks in school nutrition standards.

The standards focus on reducing sugar, sodium, and high-fat foods and increasing healthy food items like whole grains, fruits, and vegetables.

1. **Calorie Range:** The Charter School shall ensure the meals offered to children comply with USDA calorie levels.
2. **Trans fat:** The Charter School shall eliminate foods containing trans fat on the nutrition label.
3. **Whole Grains:** All grain offerings shall be whole grain rich.
4. **Fruits and Vegetables:**
  - A. **Breakfast:** The Charter Schools shall offer at a minimum one fruit on all points of service for breakfast.
  - B. **Lunch:** The Charter School shall offer at least one fruit and one non-fried vegetable at all points of lunch service each day. The Charter School shall offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables when possible.
5. **Milk:** The Charter School shall offer milk that is compliant with the National School Lunch Program.
6. **Legumes:** The Charter School shall offer legumes, such as dry beans and peas, at least one time per week.

7. **Water:** The Charter School shall make water available to students during meal service.
8. **Sodium:** The Charter School shall limit sodium to meet NSLP and SBP standards.
9. **Condiments:** The Charter School shall not have salt shakers or packets available. The Charter School shall not have sugar dispensers or packets available. The Charter School shall accurately reflect condiment usage in nutrient analysis and on production records. The Charter School is encouraged to use low-fat condiments and/or control portions of high-fat condiments.

Cross Reference: 8250 Guidelines for Food and Beverages Sales

Legal Reference: 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. National School Lunch Act  
7 CFR Parts 210 Nutrition School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs:  
Final Rule  
Smart Snacks in School Regulations by the United States Department of  
Agriculture  
Smart Snacks in School Policy by the Idaho State Department of Education—  
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