

About this Presentation

- This presentation provides general guidance regarding the federal and state beverage requirements for Connecticut public schools
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Connecticut Public Schools Include

- All local and regional boards of education
- Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)
- Governing authorities for state charter schools, interdistrict magnet schools, and endowed academies

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Objectives

- Review beverage requirements for public schools
 - State beverage statute
 - USDA Smart Snacks nutrition standards
 - State competitive foods regulations
- Identify resources for guidance and training

Resources and websites are listed in the yellow bar

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Acronyms ASP Afterschool Snack Program BOE board of education or school governing authority **CGS Connecticut General Statutes Child Nutrition Programs CNPs** CNS **Connecticut Nutrition Standards** CSDE **Connecticut State Department of Education** HFC **Healthy Food Certification** NSLP **National School Lunch Program** SBP **School Breakfast Program** USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

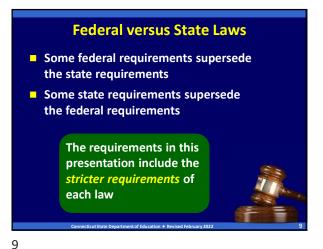
 $https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/NSLP/Acronyms_Abbreviations_SNP.pdf$

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Overview of Federal and State Beverage Requirements

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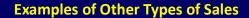


Three Laws that Address Beverages Nutrition standards Restrictions during for beverages operation of CNPs 2006: State beverage statute 1992: State competitive (CGS section 10-221q) foods regulations (Sections 10-215b-1 2014: USDA Smart Snacks and 10-215b-23 of the nutrition standards (Final **Regulations of Connecticut** Rule: National School Lunch **State Agencies) Program and School** Selling/giving certain **Breakfast Program: Nutrition** foods and beverages Standards for All Foods Sold Accrual of income from in School) all foods/beverages



Examples of Other Types of Sales Students purchase or are given coupons and similar items (purchased or given) that can be exchanged for beverages

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Programs/activities charge a fee that includes the cost of beverages provided to students

Examples of Fee-based Programs

A school club's dues include cost of snacks

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Examples of Fee-based Programs

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 A parent-teacher organization collects money from parents for classroom parties



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Examples of Fee-based Programs

 The fee for a weekly afterschool enrichment program includes cost of snacks provided to students



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Examples of Fee-based Programs

 A sports team's fee for student participation includes cost of beverages



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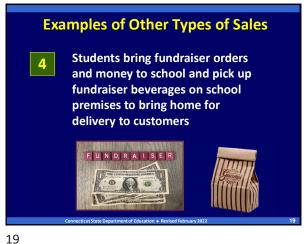
Examples of Other Types of Sales

Fundraisers on school premises give beverages to students in exchange for a suggested donation



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Giving Provided free of any charge, contribution, or suggested donations and without the exchange of tickets, coupons, tokens, and similar items to obtain foods and beverages

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Law	Selling	Giving
USDA's Smart Snacks	✓	
State Beverage Statute	✓	
State Competitive Foods Regulations: Section 10-215b-1	✓	✓

Who must Comply with Beverage Laws State Type of USDA's State competitive public Smart foods **Beverage** school **Snacks Statute** regulations Participates in ✓ NSLP/SBP **Does not** participate in ✓ NSLP/SBP

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Law	What	When	Where
USDA's Smart Snacks	Beverages available for sale <i>separately</i> from reimbursable meals	School day	On school premises
State beverage statute	Beverages available for sale as part of and separately from reimbursable meals	At all times *	On school premises

How the Beverage Laws Apply Law Where What When 10-215b-1: 30 minutes before Selling and On Competitive giving up thorough 30 school foods coffee, tea, minutes after premises and soft **CNPs** drinks to students All sales of 10-215b-23: 30 minutes before Accrual of foods and up thorough 30 school minutes after income beverages premises to students **CNPs**

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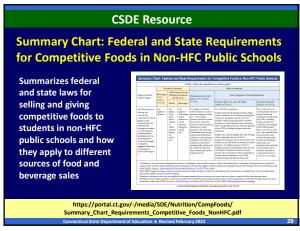






CSDE Resource Summary Chart: Federal and State Requirements for Competitive Foods in HFC Public Schools Summarizes federal and state laws for selling and giving competitive foods to students in HFC public schools and how they apply to different sources of food and beverage sales https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/ Summary_Chart_Requirements_Competitive_Foods_HFC.pdf

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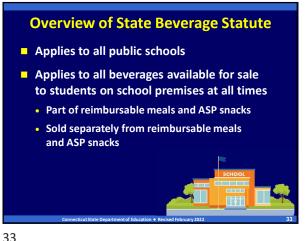


CSDE Resource Allowable Beverages for Connecticut **Public Schools** Summarizes federal and state requirements for beverages in public schools and provides examples of allowable and unallowable beverages https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Allowable

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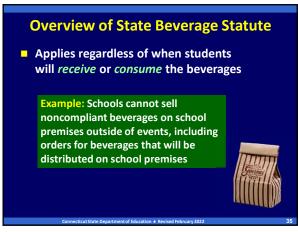






Overview of State Beverage Statute Applies regardless of when students will receive or consume the beverages **Example:** Schools cannot sell tickets to students on Monday for hot chocolate that will be distributed to students on Friday during the school day

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Overview of State Beverage Statute Allows beverage exemptions if sales meet three criteria

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Beverage Exemptions

- Not part of annual HFC Statement
- BOE must vote *separately* to allow sale to students of any beverages that do not comply with CGS Section 10-221g
 - Recommendation: Conduct vote for beverage exemptions at same time as annual vote for HFC Statement

https://www.cga.ct.gov/current/pub/chap_170.htm#sec_10-221q

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Beverage Exemptions

- Beverages that do not comply with the state beverage statute cannot be sold to students on school premises unless
 - 1. BOE votes to allow beverage exemptions
 - 2. beverage sales meet the three exemption criteria of the state beverage statute

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Three Exemption Criteria for Beverages

- 1. The sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend
- 2. The sale is at the *location* of the event
- 3. The beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store

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Definition of Event

An occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity

Event	Not an event
Soccer game	Soccer practice
High school debate	Debating team practice
School play	Play rehearsals
School chess match	Chess club
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Examples of Events

- Awards banquets
- **Boy Scout Blue & Gold dinner**
- **Craft fairs**
- **Debate team competitions**
- Election day (if school is not in Sports banquets session)
- Family bingo nights
- Math team competitions
- Mock trial competitions
- **School carnivals School concerts**

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School recitals

- School dances
- School fairs, e.g., health, science, and math
- Silent auctions
- Sports games, tournaments, and matches, e.g., basketball, football, soccer, tennis, field hockey, volleyball, wresting, and cross county
- **Talent shows**
- **Theatrical productions**







Beverage Exemptions Never Allowed for Programs and meetings • A la carte sales in CNPs Afterschool programs School stores and activities Sports practices Classes and Summer school educational programs programs operated by BOE Clubs, organizations, and similar groups Vending machines • Fundraisers not held Any other activities at an event that are not events

CSDE Resource Exemptions for Foods and Beverages in **Public Schools** Summarizes state requirements and provides specific motion language for exemptions https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/ Exemptions_Food_Beverages_Public_Schools.pdf

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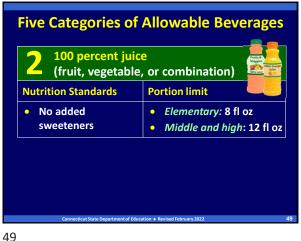


Five Categories of Allowable Beverages Milk, unflavored low-fat (1%) and flavored or unflavored fat-free **Nutrition Standards Portion limit** ≤4 grams of sugar Elementary: 8 fluid per fluid ounce ounces (fl oz) No artificial Middle and high: 12 fl oz sweeteners

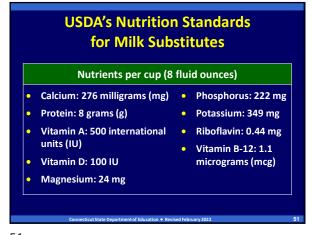
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Need Manufacturer Documentation to Determine if Milk Substitutes Comply Nutrition Facts label does not indicate if a product complies with USDA's nutrition standards for milk substitutes Must obtain documentation from manufacturer Only certain brands of soy beverages comply Included on CSDE's List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages webpage

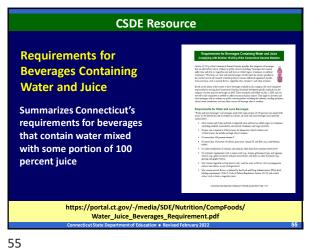
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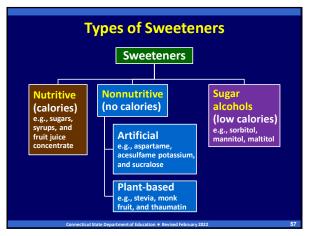


Five Categories of Allowable Beverages Beverages containing only water and 100 juice **Nutrition Standards Portion limit** No added sweeteners • Elementary: Meet additional requirements for 8 fl oz restricted ingredients (refer to Middle and CSDE's Requirements for Beverages high: 12 fl oz Containing Water and Juice) https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/ CompFoods/Water_Juice_Beverages_Requirement.pdf

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Commercial Beverage Products

- Before purchasing, check CSDE's webpage to verify that products are listed

• Approval is specific to the brand and variety of each beverage item **Indicates required** information to submit food Must check that each product is listed and beverage products to Submit information to CSDE for new **CSDE** for review of products or products not listed compliance with CNS and state beverage statute https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/ FBlist/Submitting_Food_Beverage_Products.pdf 62

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Avoiding Compliance Issues

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CSDE Resource Submitting Food and Beverage Products for Approval

Avoiding Compliance Issues

- 2. Check vendor assurances of product compliance before purchasing
 - If a vendor indicates product complies with beverage requirements, verify using CSDE webpage
- 3. Check deliveries against product orders
- 4. Train food service staff to monitor beverages in vending machines stocked by an outside vendor

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Examples of Noncompliant Beverages * Do not meet state beverage statute and Smart Snacks

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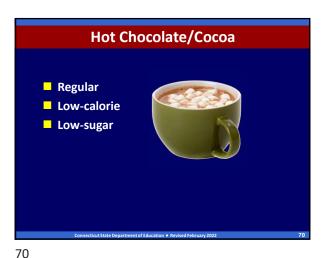
Reminder: Noncompliant beverages cannot be sold to students unless

- 1. The BOE has voted to allow beverage exemptions AND
- 2. The sales are at the location of an event held after the school day or on the weekend AND
- 3. The event does not occur while any **CNPs** are operating



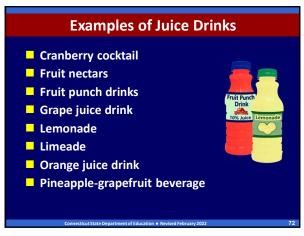




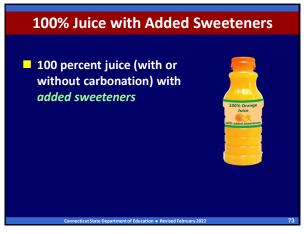


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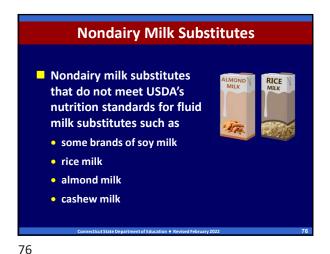


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Examples of Waters with Added Sweeteners Sonu Water (25 calories) Ingredients: Filtered water, ORGANIC **EVAPORATED CANE JUICE, organic and** natural flavors, citric acid, niacin (B3), pantothenic acid (B5), pyridoxine (B6), cyanocobalamin (B12), palm carotene (source of vitamin A), electrolytes (potassium carbonate, calcium chloride, magnesium chloride) Sweeteners: Organic evaporated cane juice

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Examples of Waters with Added Sweeteners Glaceau Vitamin Water, Coca-Cola Ingredients: Reverse osmosis water, CRYSTALLINE FRUCTOSE, CANE SUGAR, less than 0.5% of: vitamin C (ascorbic acid), citric acid, natural flavors, vegetable juice (color), magnesium lactate and calcium lactate and potassium phosphate (electrolyte sources), taurine, vitamin B5 (calcium pantothenate), zinc gluconate, vitamin B6 (pyridoxine hydrochloride), vitamin B12 (cyanocobalamin), chromium polynicotinate Sweeteners: Crystalline fructose and cane sugar













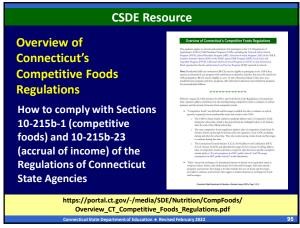






State Competitive Foods Regulations (Sections 10-215b-1 and 10-215b-23) https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/RCSA/Title 10Subtitle 10-215bSection 10-215b-1/ https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/RCSA/Title_10Subtitle_10-215bSection_10-215b-23/

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Overview of Competitive Foods Regulations Section Applies to When applies 10-215b-1: 30 minutes before Selling and giving up thorough 30 coffee, tea, and soft Competitive foods drinks to students minutes after the operation of any **CNPs** 10-215b-23: Accrual of income from 30 minutes before all sales of foods and Income up thorough 30 accrual beverages to students minutes after the anywhere on school operation of any · A. premises **CNPs**

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Child Nutrition Programs (CNPs) Include

- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- School Breakfast Program (SBP)
- Afterschool Snack Program (ASP) of the NSLP
- Seamless Summer Option (SSO) of the NSLP
- Special Milk Program (SMP)
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)
- Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
 At-risk Afterschool Meals operated in schools
- Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) operated in schools

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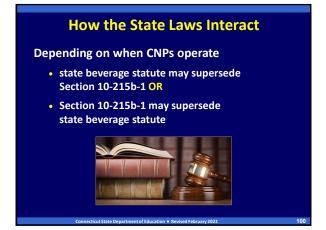
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Examples of Soft Drinks

- Soda (regular and diet)
- Sports drinks (regular, low-calorie, and zero calorie)
- Sweetened beverages (with or without carbonation) that are not 100 percent juice (e.g., lemonade and fruit punch drinks)
- Flavored water with added sweeteners (with or without carbonation)

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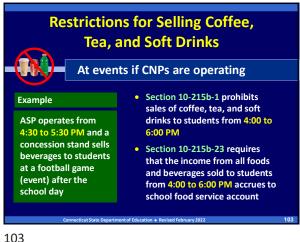


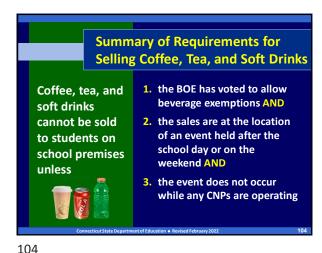
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How Section 10-215b-1 Applies to "Giving" Coffee, Tea, and Soft Drinks Example Coffee, tea, and soft drinks cannot be given SBP operates to students from 4:00 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 PM to 8:00 a.m. Examples: classroom **NSLP** operates parties and food from 11:30 a.m. rewards to 1:00 p.m. Refer to "Giving" in this presentation

Section 10-215b-23: Accrual of Income Any income (gross income) from the sale of foods and beverages to students anywhere on school premises from 30 minutes before until 30 minutes after any state or federally subsidized CNP must accrue to the school food service program https://eregulations.ct.gov/eRegsPortal/Browse/RCSA/Title_10Subtitle_10-215bSection_10-215b-23/

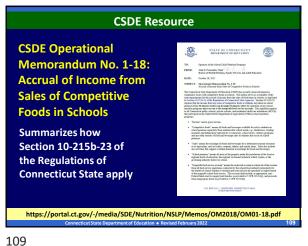
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How Section 10-215b-23 **Applies to Income Accrual** When income must accrue When CNPs operate to food service * 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., **ASP** 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Includes income from foods and beverages sold at exempted events

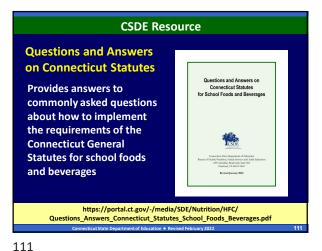
Example: How Section 10-215b-23 Applies to Vending Machine Contracts School food service A contract specifies that must receive 100% of the school food service total vending sales receives 20% of total (gross income) during vending sales but this time, not the 20% vending machines specified in the vending operate from 30 minutes machine contract before up through 30 minutes after the NSLP

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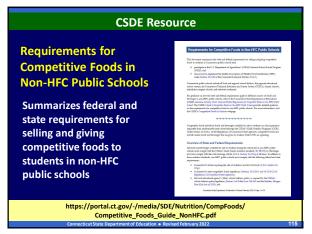
CSDE Resource Guide to Competitive Guide to Competitive Foods Foods in HFC Public in HFC Public Schools **Schools** Comprehensive guidance on complying with federal and state requirements for selling and giving competitive foods to students in HFC public schools $https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/CompFoods/Competitive_Foods_Guide_HFC.pdf$

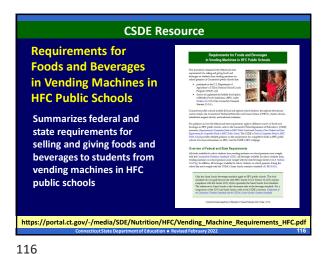
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CSDE Resource Requirements for **Competitive Foods in HFC Public Schools** Summarizes federal and state requirements for selling and giving competitive foods to students in HFC public schools https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/Nutrition/HFC/Requirements_Competitive_Foods_HFC.pdf

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in School Stores in HFC **Public Schools** Summarizes federal and state requirements for selling and giving foods and beverages to students from school stores in HFC public schools

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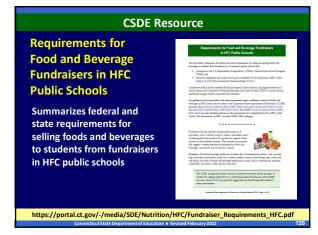
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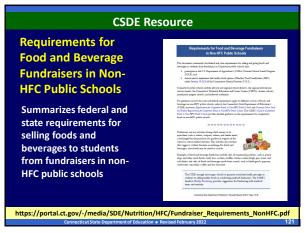
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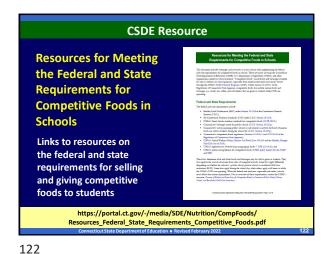
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