

Complying with Healthy Food Certification (HFC)
Answer Key for Module 6 Worksheet: Fundraisers



The state Healthy Food Certification (HFC) statute and state beverage statute require specific requirements for fundraisers that sell foods and beverages to students on school premises. Indicate if each fundraiser below is allowed. Assume that the board of education or governing authority voted to allowed food and beverage exemptions.

| Fundraising Scenario | Is this fundraiser allowed? |
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| <p>1: Fundraiser catalog Students use a fundraiser catalog to sell cakes, pies, candy, and cookie dough to customers off school premises. The students deliver the food orders and money to school. When the foods arrive two months later, the students pick up the foods at school and bring them home for distribution to customers.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>When students deliver fundraiser orders and money to school and pick up the foods and beverages at school for delivery to customers, the fundraiser is selling foods and beverages to students on school premises. Students may bring fundraiser catalogs home and sell noncompliant foods and beverages to anyone off school premises; and may bring the fundraiser orders and money to school. However, students cannot pick up noncompliant fundraiser foods and beverages at school for delivery to customers.</p> |
| <p>2: Candy bar sales Thirty minutes after school ends, a school club sets up tables in the hallway to sell candy bars to students.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>This fundraiser does not meet the food exemption criteria of the state HFC statute because the candy sales are not held at the location of an event.</p> |

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| <p>3: Bake sale at football game Parent volunteers hold a bake sale to raise money for the high school football team. The bake sale occurs during a football game that starts one hour after school and is located next to the football field.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The football game is an event held after the school day and the bake sale is at the location of the football game. Keep in mind that the state competitive foods regulations apply if the fundraiser occurs from 30 minutes before up through 30 minutes after the operation of any Child Nutrition Programs. These regulations prohibit selling candy, coffee, tea, and soft drinks to students during this time. They also require that the nonprofit school food service account must receive the gross income from all sales of foods and beverages to students during this time.</p> |
| <p>4: Cookies that comply with CNS A student club sells cookies as a fundraiser during the school day. The cookies are on the CSDE’s List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages webpage.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Fundraisers on school premises may sell compliant foods to students at any time. However, the fundraiser must comply with two state laws. Since the food sales occur during the school day, Section 10-221p of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that the fundraiser must also sell low-fat dairy foods or fresh or dried fruit, unless these foods are sold elsewhere on school premises at the same time. In addition, if the fundraiser occurs from 30 minutes before up through 30 minutes after the operation of any Child Nutrition Programs, the state competitive foods regulations require that the nonprofit food service account must receive the gross income from the cookie sales to students during this time.</p> |
| <p>5: Cookie sales after school day Thirty minutes after school ends, a student group sells noncompliant cookies to raise money for a class trip. The sales occur in the cafeteria, while a soccer game is played on the school’s soccer field.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>This fundraiser does not meet the food exemption criteria of the state HFC statute because the cookie sales are not held at the soccer field, which is the location of the event.</p> |

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| <p>6: Pie sales to school staff A student group sells pies to school staff on school premises during the school day.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>The pies are not being sold to students. Fundraisers may sell any foods to adults at any time, either on or off school premises.</p> |
| <p>7: Doughnut sales on election day The town uses a school building to conduct voting on Election Day when school is not in session. Volunteers sell doughnuts to adults and students at the voting site.</p> | <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>This fundraiser meets the food exemption criteria of the state HFC statute because election day is an event held after the school day.</p> |
| <p>8: Gift cards for foods and beverages During the school day on school premises, a student sports team sells gift cards that are redeemable for foods at local businesses.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Selling anything on school premises that can be exchanged for foods and beverages is the same as selling foods and beverages. It does not matter when or where students will exchange the gift card for foods and beverages, or when the students will receive or consume the foods and beverages.</p> |
| <p>9: Holiday candy grams A student club sells candy grams for a holiday. Students order and pay for candy that will be given to another student several days later.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Ordering candy on school premises is the same as selling candy on school premises. It doesn't matter when or where students will receive or consume the candy. Candy does not comply with the CNS and cannot be sold to students on school premises unless the sales are at the location of an event that occurs after the school day or on the weekend.</p> |

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| <p>10: Pancake breakfast A school club sells tickets to a family pancake breakfast that will take place on school premises in the morning before school starts.</p> | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>While the pancake breakfast meets the definition of an event, it is not held after the school day. Remember that the school day is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. For example, if the official school day ends at 3:00 p.m., the school day is from midnight through 3:30 p.m., which means that “after the school day” is the period from 3:31 p.m. through 11:59 p.m. This is the only time that noncompliant foods may be sold to students. Since the pancake breakfast occurs in the morning before school starts, it’s occurring during the school day. Therefore, it does not meet the exemption criteria of the state HFC statute.</p> |

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