



Complying with Healthy Food Certification (HFC)



Knowledge Check for Module 6: Fundraisers




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Recommendation

- Review this module after completing Module 6: Fundraisers




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Getting Ready: Download and Print

- Complying with Healthy Food Certification (HFC) Module 6 Worksheet: Fundraisers



https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/hfc/complyinghfc/complying_hfc_module_6_worksheet_fundraisers.pdf


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Knowledge Check Instructions

10 Fundraiser Examples


- Review each fundraiser and decide if allowed
- Assume that board of education voted to allow food and beverage exemptions



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Let's begin!




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1: Fundraiser Catalog

- Students use a fundraiser catalog to sell cakes, pies, candy, and cookie dough to customers off school premises
- Students deliver food orders and money to school
- When foods arrive two months later, students pick up the foods at school and bring them home for distribution to customers

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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1: Fundraiser Catalog ANSWER

- Students use a fundraiser catalog to sell cakes, pies, candy, and cookie dough to customers off school premises
- Students deliver food orders and money to school
- When foods arrive two months later, students pick up the foods at school and bring them home for distribution to customers

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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1: Fundraiser Catalog Possible Modifications

- Parents pick up foods at school
- Distribute food items on school premises at location of event held after school day or on weekend
- Distribute food items at location off school premises
- Conduct online fundraiser (foods ordered online and picked up at school)




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2: Candy Bar Sales

- 30 minutes after school ends, a school club sets up tables in the hallway to sell candy bars to students

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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2: Candy Bar Sales ANSWER

- 30 minutes after school ends, a school club sets up tables in the hallway to sell candy bars to students

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No



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2: Candy Bar Sales Possible Modifications

- Sell candy bars at location of event held after school day or on weekend
- Sell candy bars at location off school premises
- Conduct online fundraiser (candy bars ordered online and picked up at school)




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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 football game that starts 1 hour after school and is located next to football field

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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3: Bake Sale at Football Game ANSWER

- Parent volunteers hold a bake sale to raise money for the high school football team
- The bake sale occurs during football game that starts 1 hour after school and is located next to football field

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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4: Cookies Comply with CNS

- Student club sells cookies as a fundraiser during school day
- Cookies on CSDE's List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages webpage

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No



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4: Cookies Comply with CNS ANSWER

- Student club sells cookies as a fundraiser during school day
- Cookies on CSDE's List of Acceptable Foods and Beverages webpage

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No

- Must comply with C.G.S. Section 10-221p (nutritious low-fat foods)
- If CNPs operating, must comply with state competitive food regulations



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5: Cookie Sales After School Day

- 30 minutes after school ends, a student group sells noncompliant cookies to raise money for class trip
- Sales occur in the cafeteria, while a soccer game is played on the school's soccer field




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5: Cookie Sales After School Day ANSWER

- 30 minutes after school ends, a student group sells noncompliant cookies to raise money for class trip
- Sales occur in the cafeteria, while a soccer game is played on the school's soccer field

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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5: Cookie Sales After School Day Possible Modifications

- Sell cookies at location of the event, i.e., the soccer field
- Sell cookies that comply with the CNS
- Sell cookies at location off school premises
- Conduct online fundraiser (cookies ordered online and picked up at school)




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6: Pie Sales to School Staff

- Student group sells pies to school staff on school premises during school day

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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6: Pie Sales to School Staff ANSWER

- Student group sells pies to school staff on school premises during school day

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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7: Doughnut Sales on Election Day

- Town uses 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

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No



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7: Doughnut Sales on Election Day ANSWER

- Town uses 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

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No

Election day = event




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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 and beverages at local businesses

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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8: Gift Cards for Foods and Beverages ANSWER

- During the school day on school premises, a student sports team sells gift cards that are redeemable for foods and beverages at local businesses

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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8: Gift Cards for Foods and Beverages Possible Modifications

- Sell gift cards at location of event held after school day or on weekend
- Sell gift cards off school premises
- Conduct online fundraiser (gift cards ordered online and picked up at school)
- All foods that can be purchased with gift cards comply with CNS and all beverages comply with state beverage statute




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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

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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9: Holiday Candy Grams ANSWER

- 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

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No




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9: Holiday Candy Grams Possible Modifications

- Order candy on school premises at location of event held after school day or on weekend
- Distribute candy on school premises at location of event held after school day or on weekend
- Conduct online fundraiser (candy ordered online)




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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

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No



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10: Pancake Breakfast ANSWER

- A school club sells tickets to a family pancake breakfast that will take place on school premises in the morning before school starts

Is fundraiser allowed?
 Yes No

Example: School ends at 3:00 PM
 School day = Midnight through 3:30 PM
 After school day = 3:31 PM through 11:59 PM




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10: Pancake Breakfast Possible Modifications


- Schedule on weekend or as "breakfast for dinner" after school day
- Hold pancake breakfast off school premises
- Sell pancakes that comply with CNS (must include all accompaniments, e.g., butter and syrup)



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Knowledge Check Complete



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More Information About Fundraisers

- Module 6: Fundraisers




<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/healthy-food-certification/hfc-training-program>

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"Guidance and Resources" Section of HFC Webpage

- Visit "Fundraisers" Section
 - Requirements for Food and Beverage Fundraisers in HFC Public Schools
 - Sample Fundraiser Form for HFC
 - Healthy Fundraisers



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Questions?



- Contact CSDE's HFC coordinator or school nutrition programs staff

<https://portal.ct.gov/sde/nutrition/healthy-food-certification/contact>
<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/sde/nutrition/cnstaff/countyassign.pdf>

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