

Smart Snacks Guidance for Career and Technical Education

- May schools sell out existing on-hand inventory?

No. Any foods sold on school campus to students during the school day outside of USDA meal programs must meet *Smart Snacks* standards. Therefore, schools are not allowed to use the rest of inventory that does not meet the standards during times and in areas *Smart Snacks* guidelines are effective. They could use up inventory during other times or in other locations, but, unfortunately, there is no grace period for using up old inventory.

- Do all CTE programs have to comply, regardless of their connection to the federal school meals program?

No. Only CTE programs in schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program or that sell foods in schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program are required to meet the *Smart Snacks* standards.

- If a school does not participate in the federal school meal program, but receives other sources of federal funding, must they comply?

No. See above.

- Are CTE Students, while in class and preparing food, prohibited from tasting/eating the food they are preparing?

Students are allowed to taste/eat food they're preparing. The *Smart Snacks* guidelines only affect food they SELL to students on campus during the school day. Any food that is used as part of the curriculum for learning and is not sold or given away at no charge (including the exchange of tickets, tokens, or points), is allowable and does not need to meet *Smart Snacks* standards.

- Is it just guidance or is it mandatory requirements for state approved CTE Marketing (retail stores) and Culinary (restaurant) programs?

The *Smart Snacks* requirement is a USDA rule, not a CTE instructional program requirement. It will not impact TRAC.