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Elgin Elementary School

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Dear Elgin School Families,

Beginning with the 2026-27 school year, Arizona schools participating in federally funded meal programs, must follow the Arizona Healthy Schools Act (House Bill 2164). The law is designed to reduce students' access to certain ultra-processed foods during the regular school day.

What Does the Law Do?

The Arizona Healthy Schools Act prohibits schools from serving, selling, or allowing a third party to sell foods containing certain ingredients during the regular school day. The law applies to school cafeterias, vending machines, school stores, snack bars, fundraisers held during the school day, and other food provided on campus during the school day. It does not apply to food that parents pack from home for their own child or those offered at events outside of the school day.

The law defines ultra-processed foods as those containing one or more of these ingredients:

- Potassium bromate
- Propylparaben
- Titanium dioxide
- Brominated vegetable oil
- Yellow Dye 5 or Yellow Dye 6
- Blue Dye 1 or Blue Dye 2
- Green Dye 3
- Red Dye 3 or Red Dye 40

What This Means for Families

Does this law affect what I can send for my child?

This law does not apply to foods parents provide for their child.

Does this law affect classroom celebrations, snacks or birthday parties?

This law prohibits the sale or service of ultra-processed foods at any point of the school day. This includes student celebrations, birthday parties, prizes/incentives, and classroom snacks. Any food/beverages supplied or donated for the classroom must comply with this law.

Does this law affect fundraisers?

Fundraisers occurring during the school day must meet the Arizona Healthy Schools Act guidelines. Fundraisers occurring during the school day must also meet Smart Snack regulations or have a fundraising exemption waiver.

Why Is This Change Happening?

The Arizona Healthy Schools Act is intended to support healthier school food environments by limiting students' exposure to specific food additives during the school day. Schools across Arizona are required to comply with the law beginning in the 2026-27 school year and will certify their compliance with the Arizona Department of Education.

Thank You for Your Partnership

We appreciate your support as we implement these new state requirements. By working together, we can ensure our schools remain compliant with state law while continuing to celebrate students in safe and meaningful ways.

Resources:

- [The Basics of the Arizona Healthy Schools Act](#)
- [Healthy Schools Act Memorandum](#)
- [ADE Health & Nutrition Services](#)

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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