

# CREATIVE ARTS

CHARTER SCHOOL

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## **FUNDRAISING POLICY**

Creative Arts Charter School (“CACS” or the “Charter School”) recognizes a desire and a need for fundraising. CACS also recognizes a need for restraint to prevent fundraising activities from becoming too numerous and overly demanding on employees, students, and the general public. The dedication and fundraising efforts of our parent community strengthen the ties which make us a caring place where the learning, success, and development of all students are deeply valued. CACS Governing Board (the “Board”) has the responsibility to monitor, supervise, and control all fundraising activities on campus and associated with official Charter School programs and activities. All fundraising activities must have prior written approval from the Board.

### **The Charter School Fundraising Policy stems from the following principles:**

- Fundraising should be consistent with the mission and values of the CACS charter.
- Fundraising events should help develop and enrich the CACS community.
- Fundraisers should promote multiculturalism by including and incorporating a variety of cultural activities designed to appeal to diverse populations in the larger community.
- Fundraisers should promote students who are active in their learning, aware of their interests, and who seek to expand and explore their knowledge through dynamic collaboration with peers and teachers within an academic setting and the larger community.
- Fundraisers should promote and support education in science, math, humanities, and the arts.
- Fundraisers should reflect a positive image of CACS and should provide public relations in the community consistent with the CACS’s mission and values.

### **The Charter School Fundraising Policy strives to avoid:**

- Partnerships with businesses or organizations that make a profit from fundraisers but do not share the philosophy and values of CACS.

- The promotion of excessive consumerism, marketing, advertising, or selling commercial products or services.
- Students doing door-to-door canvassing of any kind.
- The sale of junk foods, packaged sweets, sodas or other unhealthy products that are inconsistent with CACS's School Wellness Policy. In general, fundraiser foods or beverages may not be sold on the Charter School campus during the school day or within 30 minutes after the end of the official school day, unless they comply with the competitive foods reference, below.
- Raising funds from or promoting any religious products, events or holidays.

The Executive Director will ascertain that all fundraising events and activities are legal, all necessary permits are obtained, and the site, equipment, and activities are safe and accessible for all participants. Trash and recycling containers should be provided at all fundraising events.

Notice of fundraising events and activities should be disseminated electronically and/or posted in central locations at the school. The Executive Director or designee shall approve all flyers and notices promoting fundraising events prior to distribution.

### **Competitive Foods Reference**

Competitive foods and beverages are those that are 1) sold, 2) to students, 3) on school campus, 4) during the school day, and 5) outside of the federally reimbursable meal programs. These include foods sold as part of a fundraiser.

Competitive foods may be sold by an individual or an entity that may NOT include a pupil organization (i.e. school club).

Exceptions to the below food and beverage sale requirements:

- Any food items may be sold:
  - Off of and away from the school premises; or
  - On school premises at least one-half hour after the end of the school day; or
  - At and during a school-sponsored pupil activity at least one-half hour after the end of the school day.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

Competitive foods sold on campus to students from midnight to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day, by any entity, must meet the following requirements:

**Must meet one of the following general food standards:**

- 1) Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item<sup>1</sup> (or have one of these be the first ingredient), or
- 2) Be a combination food containing at least a quarter cup of fruit or vegetable.

**Must meet the following nutrition standards:**

- 1) Less than or equal to 35 percent calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese/part skim mozzarella, eggs, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, seafood), and
- 2) Less than 10 percent calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese/part skim mozzarella, eggs, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- 3) Less than or equal to 35 percent sugar by weight (except dried fruit<sup>2</sup>/vegetables, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- 4) Less than 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), and
- 5) Less than or equal to 200 milligrams sodium per **snack** or less than or equal to 480 milligrams per **entree** (no exceptions), and
- 6) Less than or equal to 200 calories per **snack** or less than or equal to 350 calories per **entree** item (no exceptions)
- 7) Compliant beverages:
  - a. Fruit or Vegetable juice:
    - i. 100 percent juice (can be diluted with water, no dilution limit), and
    - ii. No added sweeteners, and
    - iii. Less than or equal to 8 fluid ounce serving size
  - b. Milk:
    - i. 1 percent (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), and
    - ii. Less than or equal to 8 fluid ounce serving size
  - c. Non-dairy milk:
    - i. Nutritionally equivalent to milk, must contain per 8 fluid ounces:
      1. At least 276 milligrams calcium
      2. At least 8 grams protein
      3. At least 500 IU Vitamin A
      4. At least 100 IU Vitamin D

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<sup>1</sup> A whole grain item contains:

- A whole grain as the first ingredient, or
- A combination of whole grain ingredients comprising at least 50 percent of the total grain weight

<sup>2</sup> Dried blueberries, cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, chopped dates, or chopped figs containing added sugar are exempt from the sugar standards

5. At least 24 milligrams magnesium
  6. At least 222 milligrams phosphorus
  7. At least 349 milligrams potassium
  8. At least 0.44 milligrams riboflavin
  9. At least 1.1 micrograms Vitamin B12, and
  10. Less than or equal to 8 fluid ounce serving size
- d. Water:
- i. No added sweeteners, flavors, etc.
  - ii. No serving size limit

All beverages must be caffeine-free (trace amounts allowable).

All fresh, canned, frozen fruits in 100 percent juice, extra light, or light syrup; fresh, canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added, or containing a small amount of sugar) are exempt from **all** nutrition standards.

All entrees served as part of the NSLP/SBP, and grain-only entrees served as part of the SBP, are exempt from all competitive food standards the day of or day after they appear on the NSLP/SBP menu

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Competitive foods sold on campus to students from midnight to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day, by any entity, must meet the following requirements:

#### **Must meet one of the following general food standards:**

- 1) Be a fruit, vegetable, dairy, protein, or whole grain item\* (or have one of these be the first ingredient), or
- 2) Be a combination food containing at least a quarter cup of fruit or vegetable.

#### **Must meet the following nutrition standards:**

- 1) Less than or equal to 35 percent calories from fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese/part skim mozzarella, eggs, dried fruit and nut/seed combo, seafood), and
- 2) Less than 10 percent calories from saturated fat (except nuts, seeds, reduced-fat cheese/part skim mozzarella, eggs, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- 3) Less than or equal to 35 percent sugar by weight (except dried fruit\*\*/veggies, dried fruit and nut/seed combo), and
- 4) Less than 0.5 grams trans fat per serving (no exceptions), and

- 5) Less than or equal to 200 milligrams sodium per **snack** or less than or equal to 480 milligrams per **entree** (no exceptions), and
- 6) Less than or equal to 200 calories per **snack** or less than or equal to 350 calories per **entree** item (no exceptions)
- 7) Compliant beverages:
  - Fruit or Vegetable juice:
    - 100 percent juice (can be diluted with water, no dilution limit), and
    - No added sweeteners, and
    - Less than or equal to 12 fluid ounce serving size
  - Milk:
    - One percent (unflavored), nonfat (flavored, unflavored), and
    - Less than 12 fluid ounce serving size
  - Non-dairy milk:
    - Nutritionally equivalent to milk, must contain per 8 fluid ounces:
      - At least 276 milligrams calcium
      - At least 8 grams protein
      - At least 500 IU Vitamin A
      - At least 100 IU Vitamin D
      - At least 24 milligrams magnesium
      - At least 222 milligrams phosphorus
      - At least 349 milligrams potassium
      - At least 0.44 milligrams riboflavin
      - At least 1.1 micrograms Vitamin B12, and
      - Less than or equal to 12 fluid ounce serving size
  - Water:
    - No added sweeteners, flavors, etc.
    - No serving size limit

All fresh, canned, frozen fruits in 100 percent juice, extra light, or light syrup; fresh, canned vegetables (low sodium, no salt added, or containing a small amount of sugar) are exempt from **all** nutrition standards.

All entrees served as part of the NSLP/SBP, and grain-only entrees served as part of the SBP, are exempt from all competitive food standards the day of or day after they appear on the NSLP/SBP menu.

All foods must be caffeine-free (trace amounts are allowable).

Beverages containing caffeine are **not** allowed in middle school.

### **RECORDKEEPING**

According to 7 *CFR*, Section 210.11(b)(2), the school district is responsible for ensuring that each group or individual selling competitive foods maintain records that demonstrate compliance with competitive food and beverage requirements. This section states: “[a]t a minimum, records must include receipts, nutrition labels and/or product specifications for the competitive food available for sale to students.” Additional documentation, such as ingredient lists or nutrient analysis may be necessary to demonstrate compliance with the competitive food and beverage requirements.

### **Voluntary Participation**

All student and parent participation in CACS fundraising activities is voluntary. Participation in fundraising activities is not required for any student’s participation in any educational activity or program. Further, CACS will not discriminate against a student in any way based on whether or not a student or his/her family participated in fundraising activities or contributed time or money to CACS. **However, students may be provided prizes or other recognition for voluntarily participating in fundraising activities.** Complaints regarding noncompliance with California Education Code sections 49010 *et seq.* may be filed under the Charter School’s Uniform Complaint Procedures.

### **Corporate/Business Sponsorships and Donations**

In recognition of the need to raise funds from additional sources, the Board will gratefully accept donations (actual and in-kind) to support CACS’s programs and operations in accordance with the law and CACS policy.

Only those corporations and businesses whose products, services, and stances are in alignment with and share CACS’s mission and philosophy will be accepted, at the discretion of the Board. Acceptance of such donations does not constitute endorsement of the business or sponsor and will be subject to the following terms:

In determining whether to accept gifts, donations and grants, the Board will consider the following:

1. Items needed by CACS.
2. Additional costs to CACS.
3. Whether acceptance of the gift, donation, or grant is consistent with other CACS policies and goals.

Based on these and other factors identified, the Board may accept the proposed gift, donation, sponsorship, or grant.

### **Fundraising by Student Organizations**

The Board may authorize any organization composed entirely of CACS pupils to conduct fund-raising activities approved by the Board. By Resolution, the Board may authorize any student body organization to conduct fund-raising activities on CACS property during CACS school hours provided that the Board has determined that such activities will not interfere with the normal conduct of CACS.

The Board shall provide for the supervision of all funds raised by any student body or student organization using CACS's name.

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