# How to Implement the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools





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# 1. What are the Guidelines?



### What are the Guidelines?

- The Guidelines define the **minimum nutrition standard** for the sale of healthy food and beverages in B.C. public schools.
- The Guidelines apply to all food and beverages <u>sold</u> to <u>students</u>.
- Full implementation of the Guidelines is expected by September 2014



# 2. How do I know if a food or beverage meets the Guidelines?



# How do I know if a food or beverage meets the Guidelines?

The Guidelines Manual includes two tools to score food and beverages against the minimum nutrition standard:

- 1. The Nutrient Criteria
- 2. The Checklist

The score determines whether or not a food or beverage is eligible for sale in schools.



# How do I know if a food or beverage meets the Guidelines?

- 1. The **Nutrient Criteria** tool is used to score **prepackaged** food and beverages.
  - Food and beverages must have nutrition information
  - Items score as Sell Most, Sell Sometimes, or Do Not Sell
- 2. The **Checklist** is used to score **freshly made** food and beverages.
  - Food and beverages do not have nutrition information
  - Score as Sell or Do Not Sell





- Use the Nutrient Criteria to score **prepackaged** food or beverages labelled with an ingredient list and nutrition facts table. Two options:
  - Compare the nutrition information on the product label to the Nutrient Criteria to determine the score.

#### OR

□ Check the Brand Name Food List for products that have been pre-scored against the Nutrient Criteria. If you can't find the product, submit it to the Brand Name Food List administrator for scoring. (see Section 4)



Example: Scoring a prepackaged snack bar





Step 1: Use the A-Z Food and Beverage List in the Guidelines to see which category to score your product in.

Food or Beverage	Food Category	Page
Fruit smoothies with milk or yogurt	Milk and Alternative-Based Beverages	52
Granola	Prepackaged Hot and Cold Breakfast Cereals	48
Granola bars	Snack Bars and Trail Mixes	57
Gravy	Condiments, Dressings, Dips and Spreads	58





Step 2: Read the description of the food category to ensure that your product fits.

#### Snack Bars and Trail Mixes



Food in this category includes bar-type snacks and trail mixes.

- Trail mixes scored here include mixes of more than one of: fruit, nut/seed or grains.
- Nut and/or seed-only mixes (plain, sugared or seasoned) are scored in the 'Meat and Alternatives' category.

#### Examples of Food Scored in this Category:

Cereal bars, fruit bars & leathers, fruit & nut bars, granola bars, meal replacement bars, protein bars, sports bars.



• **Step 3:** Compare the information in the Nutrition Facts table and ingredient list on the package with the Nutrient Criteria.





	Sell Most	Sell Sometimes	Do Not Sell	
Whole Grain	If <b>first ingredient</b> is a grain, the grain must be a <b>whole grain</b>	No whole grain criteria	No whole grain criteria	
Calories	300 calor	More than 300 calories		
Fat	<b>5 g</b> or less (If peanuts, nuts or seeds are the first or second ingredient, it is exempt from the fat criteria)	<b>7 g</b> or less (If peanuts, nuts or seeds are the first or second ingredient, it is exempt from the fat criteria)	More than <b>7</b> g	
Saturated Fat	380	More than 3 g		
Trans Fat	5% or less	More than 5% of total fat		
Sodium	200 mg or less	300 mg or less	More than 300 mg	
Sugars	6 g or less *If fruit is the first or second ingredient may have up to 20 g sugar.	16 g or less *If fruit is the first or second ingredient may have up to 30 g sugar.	More than <b>16 g</b> *If fruit is the first or second ingredient product has more than <b>30 g</b> of sugar.	
Sugar Ingredients	First ingredient may not be a sugar	First ingredient may not be a sugar	First ingredient is a sugar	
Sugar Substitutes	NO Sugar Substitutes	NO Sugar Substitutes except in Secondary Schools	Contains Sugar Substitutes <b>except</b> in Secondary Schools	
Caffeine	15 mg	More than 15 mg or 'caffeine' listed in ingredient list and amount not indicated on label		
Additional Ingredients	NO cautionary statements and NO s ingredients listed on the label	Food label has a <b>cautionary statement</b> or a <b>specific quantity</b> of botanical ingredients listed on the label		

# 4. How do I use the Brand Name Food List?





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#### What is the Brand Name Food List?

The Brand Name Food List (BNFL) is a tool to help British Columbians choose prepackaged and franchised food and beverages that meet the nutrition standards for schools and public buildings. The BNFL scores food and beverages based on the Guidelines for Food and Beverage Sales in BC Schools (the Guidelines) and the Nutritional Guidelines for Vending Machines in B.C. Public Buildings.

The list is meant for ready-to-eat, prepackaged and franchised food, not individual ingredients, such as flour, baking soda etc. Freshly made food and beverages (that do not have an accompanying Nutrition Facts table and ingredient list) are scored using the Checklist tool contained within the Guidelines. Non-franchised freshly made food and beverages are not eligible for posting on the Brand Name Food List because they do not have standardized recipes and are not widely available in B.C.









# How do I use the Brand Name Food List?



#### Use the Brand Name Food list to:

- Search for food and beverages and their score
- Submit an item for scoring and adding to the list
- Create a Scorecard to track implementation of the Guidelines in a food sales outlet

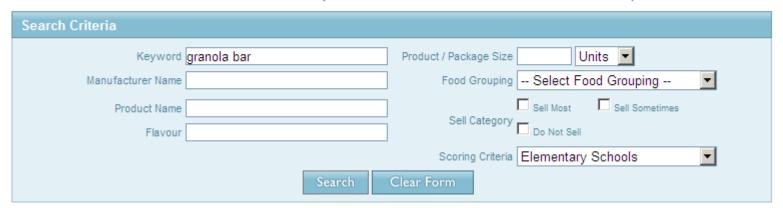
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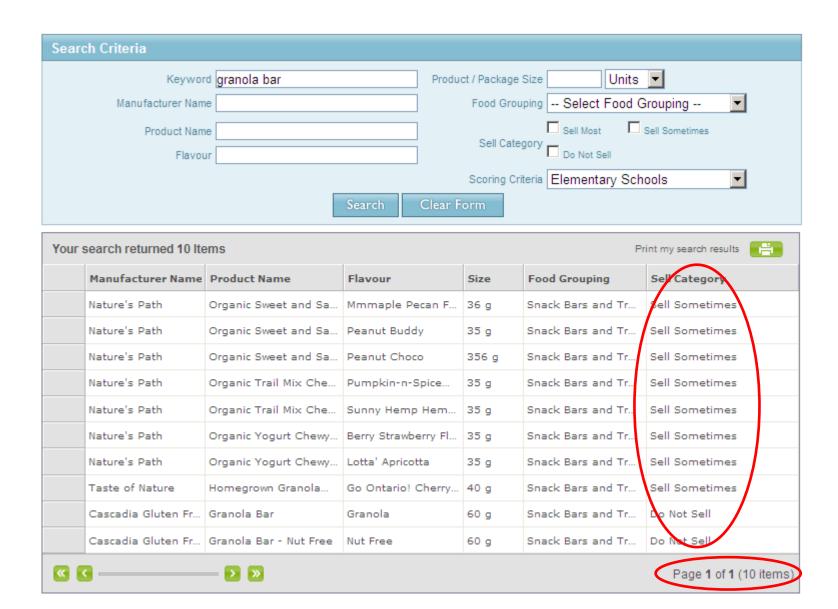
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#### Search the List

Complete the "Search Criteria" form to find the score (Sell Most, Sell Sometimes, and Do Not Sell) for products in the List. You can sort by the columns to reorder the search results and click on any manufacturer name to see Nutrition Facts table for that product.







# How do I use the Brand Name Food List?

- Submit a product to the BNFL for scoring by emailing a copy of the product label, including the:
  - Manufacturer and product name
  - Package size, serving size
  - Ingredient list
  - Nutrition Facts Table



### How do I use the Scorecard feature?



#### Welcome to the Brand Name Food List

This is where you will find nutrition scores for many popular prepackaged and franchised food and beverage products. All products are given a score that describes their appropriateness for being sold in elementary/middle schools, secondary schools, and public buildings in B.C. These ratings take the form of 'Sell Categories' which range from 'Do Not Sell' to 'Sell Most'.



#### Scorecard Items

Manufacturer Name	Product Name	Flavour	Size	Food Grouping	Quantity	Sell Category
Dairyland	1% MF Partly Skimmed Milk	Milk	250.00	Milk and Alternative Beverages	9	Sell Most
· Dairyland	1% MF Chocolate Partly Skimmed Milk (25% less sugar)	Chocolate	250.00	Milk and Alternative Beverages	9	Sell Sometimes
logo	Nomad Drinkable Yogurt	Strawberry	300.00	Milk and Alternative Beverages	4	Do Not Sell
logo	Nomad Drinkable Yogurt	Tropical	300.00	Milk and Alternative Beverages	5	Do Not Sell
Unique Beverage Company	Cascade Ice	Acai Blueberry Pomegranate	509.00	Other Beverages	1	Sell Sometimes

#### Scorecard Results



## 5. How do I use the Checklist?



#### How do I use the Checklist?

- Used to score freshly made food and beverages that do not come with nutrition information
- Completed by the food provider
- Focuses on commonly used ingredients that are key contributors of sodium, sugar, and fat.





### How do I use the Checklist?

- Questions are customized for each food category
- Users calculate sodium, sugar, and fat contributions of key ingredients in their recipes
- Items score as Sell or Do Not Sell
- Only items that score as Sell are eligible for sale in schools.





# 6. How do I score a combination meal?



### How do I score a combination meal?

#### To score a combo meal with freshly made soup, sandwich and a prepackaged carton of chocolate milk:

- Score each food and beverage item individually:
  - □ Freshly made soup and sandwich are scored using the Checklist
  - □ Chocolate milk is scored using the Nutrient Criteria
- To be eligible for sale:
  - Soup and sandwich must score as Sell
  - Chocolate milk must score as Sell Sometimes or Sell Most



# 7. How do I apply the 50% "Sell Most" rule?



# How do I apply the 50% "Sell Most" rule?

- The Guidelines require that at least 50% of <u>prepackaged</u> food and beverages sold to students in each sales venue score as "Sell Most". The remainder should score as "Sell Sometimes"
- The 50% Sell Most rule:
  - applies to <u>each</u> sales outlet individually (e.g. vending machine; school store; cafeteria; PAC lunch etc)
  - applies to prepackaged food and beverages <u>separately</u>



# How do I apply the 50% "Sell Most" rule?

- The 50% rule does NOT apply to freshly made food and beverages.
- Freshly made food and beverages are scored using the Checklist as "Sell" or "Do Not Sell".
- All (100%) freshly made food and beverages must score as "Sell" to be sold in schools.



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