# What's Available to 

 Eat and Drink in America's Elementary SchoolsPunam Ohri-Vachaspati, Ph.D., R.D.

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## The "Food and Fitness" Project

## 2007 Principal Surveys

A nationally-representative sample of elementary schools
Fielding period: April to October 2007
837 mail-back surveys received (578 public schools, 259 private)
\$100 incentive payments; follow up via telephone, mail, email
$57.7 \%$ response rate (54.6\% public schools; 66.2\% private schools)

Sampling weights were adjusted to account for non-response

## Snapshot of Food and Beverage Venues by SES



## Snapshot of Food and Beverage Venues by Race



## What's Available To Eat On the Lunch Line



## What's Available To Drink On the Lunch Line



## Does the Lunch Line Look Different.. By SES

|  | $<33 \%$ Free/Red | 33-66\% Free/Red | $>66 \%$ Free/Red |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salad |  |  |  |
| Never | 16 | 26 | 34 |
| Some Days | 35 | 30 | 39 |
| Most or All Days | 48 | 44 | 26 |

## Sandwiches

Never
3
5
2
Some Days
59
66
87
$38 \quad 28$
12

Water
Never
Some Days
Most or All Days
66
7
27
76
78
5
9
19
13

All differences significant at $p<=0.05$

## Does the Lunch Line Look Different.. By Race

|  | $>33 \%$ Non-White | $<33 \%$ Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| HFHS Snacks | 40 | 29 |
| Never | 52 | 60 |
| Some Days | 8 | 11 |
| Most or All Days |  |  |
|  |  |  |

## Sandwiches

Never
3
4
Some Days
76
64
Most or All Days
21
32

## What's Available To Eat As An a-la-carte Item



## What’s Available To Drink As An a-la-carte Item



## Do the a-la-carte items Look Different..

 By SES|  | $<33 \%$ Free/Red | $33-66 \%$ Free/Red | $>66 \%$ Free/Red |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| HSHF Snacks |  |  |  |
| Never | 43 | 44 | 46 |
| Some Days | 27 | 42 | 45 |
| Most or All Days | 30 | 14 | 9 |

## Lo-Fat Snacks

Never
Some Days
Most or All Days

Salads
Never
Some Days
Most or All Days

14
29
56
$37 \quad 39$
19
44
39

34

49
$26 \quad 32$
20

## Do the a-la-carte items Look Different..

 By SES|  | $<33 \%$ Free/Red | 33-66\% Free/Red | $>66 \%$ Free/Red |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sandwiches |  |  |  |
| Never | 31 | 40 | 36 |
| Some Days | 32 | 36 | 52 |
| Most or All Days | 37 | 24 | 13 |

Sweet Bev
Never
63
78
56
Some Days 11
11
31
Most or All Days
26
11
13

Fruit Juice
Never
29
Some Days
20
30
38
21
39
Most or All Days
52
49
23

# Do the a-la-carte items Look Different. . By Race 

|  | $>33 \%$ Non-White | $<33 \%$ Non-White |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| HFHS Snacks |  |  |
| Never | 46 | 42 |
| Some Days | 41 | 32 |
| Most or All Days | 13 | 26 |
| Lo-Fat Snacks |  |  |
| Never | 18 |  |
| Some Days | 52 | 17 |
| Most or All Days | 29 | 37 |
| Whole Milk |  | 46 |
| Never | 39 | 23 |
| Some Days | 3 | 5 |
| Most or All Days |  |  |

## What's Available To Eat at Vending and Snack Bars



## What's Available To Eat at Vending Machines



## What's Available To Drink at Vending and Snack Bars



## Do the Vending and Snack Bar Options Look Different..



## Where Can Students Find...

| At Schools <br> that Offer <br> at | Fruit | Veggie <br> Following <br> Senues | Salads | Sand <br> wich | Whole <br> Grain | Pizza | HSHF <br> Snacks |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lunch <br> (93\%) | 99 | 97 | 75 | 96 | 81 | 98 | 65 |
| A-La-Carte <br> (10\%) | 80 | 72 | 59 | 65 | 54 | 70 | 56 |
| Vending <br> (3\%) | 22 | 19 | 6 | 12 |  |  | 53 |
| Snack Bar <br> (19\%) | 48 | 36 | 29 | 25 |  |  | 67 |

## Where Can Students Find...

| At Schools that <br> Offer at <br> Following <br> Venues | Sweetened <br> Beverages | Whole Milk | Low-Fat <br> Milk | Water |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lunch (93\%) | 16 | 79 | 92 | 28 |
| A-La-Carte <br> (10\%) <br> Vending (17\%) | 34 | 70 | 91 | 66 |
| Snack Bars <br> (13\%) | 37 | 78 | 64 | 78 |

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