
Government's new Standard for food schools



New standards for school food will apply from September 2006.

The Government has announced new standards for school food. There are three parts, to be phased in by September 2009. Together they cover all food sold or served in schools: breakfast, lunch and after-school meals; and tuck, vending, mid-morning break and after-school clubs.

The new standards

Timetable for meeting the new standards

Interim food-based standards for school lunches (covered by this guidance)

All schools by September 2006

Food-based standards for school food other than lunch

All schools by September 2007 (schools are recommended to adopt these from September 2006)

Nutrient-based standards and new food-based standards (i.e. not interim) for school lunches

Primary schools by September 2008 at the latest
Secondary schools by September 2009 at the latest

DfES is providing £220 million of funding over three years to help schools and local authorities introduce the new standards.