

NAFS Information 2015

The Nutritional Alaska Foods in Schools (NAFS) program offers school districts the opportunity to purchase *nutritional* Alaska Grown food items (also referred to as locally grown) from around the state to support their food programs.

A quick and easy way to determine whether or not food is eligible for reimbursement under the NAFS program is to check the **Alaska Grown Sourcebook** which is maintained and updated by the Alaska Grown Program. It is located online at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/ag/sourcebook/sourcebookindex2014.html>.

When School Districts consider purchasing foods grown, raised or caught in Alaska, they should keep in mind:

- If being served in a Child Nutrition Program (i.e. *School Breakfast Program* (SBP), *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program* (FFVP), *National School Lunch Program* (NSLP), etc.) does the food meet the federal regulations and requirements?
- If the food is being served ala carte in school lunch lines does it adhere to the *Smart Snacks in School* rules?
- Is it allowed in the Local School Wellness Policy?
- If the food is locally processed, it should be done in a facility that is permitted/certified by federal, state, or a local government agency (ex. FDA, USDA, State of Alaska, Municipality of Anchorage, or permitted outside of Alaska).
- NAFS foods cannot be used for fundraising purposes or sold in school stores.
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