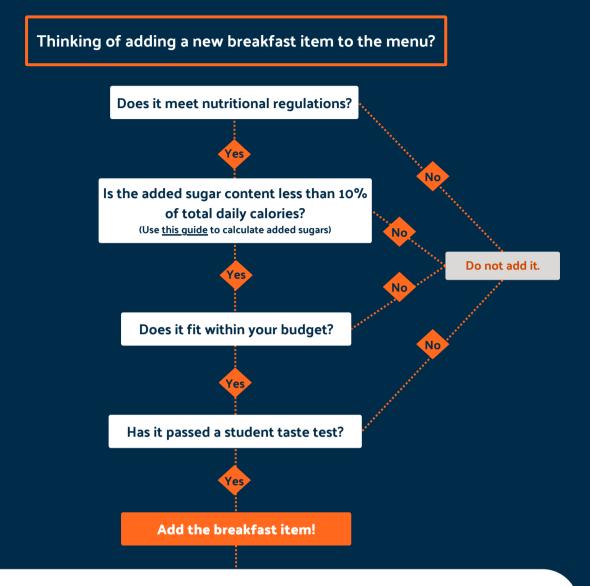
Breakfast Item Decision Tree



You're ready to add a new item to the menu! A few considerations to keep in mind:

- What's the environmental impact of the item? This includes: packaging, transportation, farm production practices, how it will be served at your school, and more. Look for certifications like Fair Trade, Rainforest Friendly, Certified Sustainably Grown, Carbon Neutral, and others.
- Can the item be sourced locally? Look for local suppliers, including farms and cooperatives. Also, consider whether adding this item is an opportunity to expand the diversity of your suppliers, such as by sourcing from businesses owned by people of color, women, veterans, and other demographics who are under-represented among your current suppliers.
- Does it meet clean-label standards? Consider allergens and sensitivities as well as production methods
 (gluten free, GMO free, etc.). Seek items that avoid artificial additives and preservatives. For animal
 proteins, seek suppliers that prioritize animal welfare and sustainable practices, like raising animals on
 pasture. Understand manufacturer's standards regarding labor practices. See Good Food Purchasing Plan
 for more information about clean-label standards.