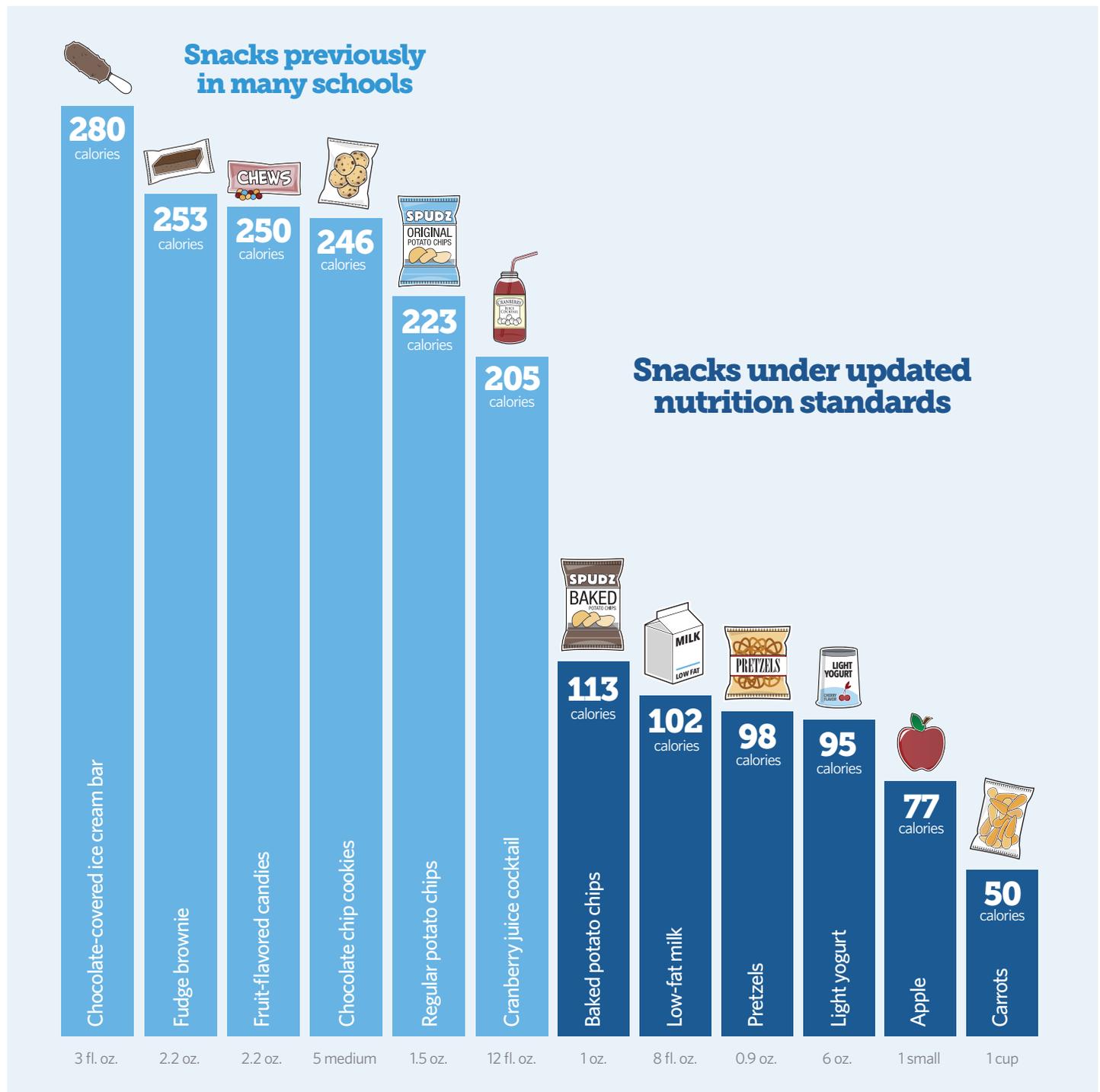


Sizing Up Snack Foods and Drinks

To ensure that all foods sold in schools are healthier, Congress directed the U.S. Department of Agriculture to update nutrition standards for snack foods and beverages and align them with the school meal guidelines. This graphic compares the nutritional value of the snack foods and beverages that had been available to students to those that meet the Smart Snacks in School standards that went into effect at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.



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