

THE CANDY HIERARCHY (2012)

TOP TIER



(caramel, chewy, elegant)

Any full sized candy bar^[1] --- Caramellos^[2] --- Milky Way --- Snickers --- Rolos^[3] --- Twix
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups --- Cash, or other forms of legal tender^[4] --- Cadbury Creme Eggs^[5] --- Goo Goo Clusters^[6]

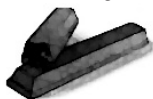
QUASI-SILURIAN



(a minor disruption in the stratigraphic sequence, this recently identified vein of mint is)

Mint M&Ms --- Junior Mints --- York Peppermint Patties --- Senior Mints --- Mint Kisses --- Mint Leaves --- Mint Juleps
Anything from the Franklin Mint

POST-TERTIARY



(not surprisingly, it's predominantly chocolate-based)

Hershey's Kissables --- Lindt Truffle --- Nestle Crunch --- Peanut M&M's --- Regular M&Ms^[7] --- Three Musketeers^[8]
Kit Kat --- Dark Chocolate Hershey --- Toblerone something or other^[9]

SECOND TIER



(oh look, mostly chocolate, just not as good)

Mounds --- Tootsie Rolls --- Whoppers^[10] --- Fair Trade Chocolate^[11] --- Butterfinger --- Pay Day --- Baby Ruth
Swedish Fish^[12] --- Almond Joy --- Cadbury Creme Eggs^[5] --- Ferrero Rocher^[13]

THIRD TIER



(the chewy range or, in some circles, the Upper Chewy or Upper Devonian)

Milk Duds --- Benzedrine -- Jolly Ranchers (if a good flavor) --- **Candy Corn?**^[14] --- Starburst --- Skittles
Stale Tootsie Rolls --- Licorice (not black) --- Reggie Jackson Bar --- Bonkers^[15] --- 100 Grand Bar --- Heath Bar
a DVD copy of *Candy*, starring Heath Ledger --- Minibags of chips^[16] --- Glow sticks --- Hershey's Milk Chocolate

BOTTOM TIER



(the Lower Chewy or Middle Crunchy Tart Layer)

Dots --- Lollipops --- Nerds --- Runts --- Trail Mix --- Mary Janes --- Gummy Bears straight up --- White Bread --- Spree
Black Licorice -- Anything from Brach's^[17] --- Hard Candy --- Bubble Gum --- Including the Chiclets (but not the erasers)
Black Jacks --- LemonHeads --- LaffyTaffy --- Good N' Plenty --- Jolly Ranchers (if a bad flavor) --- Bottle Caps
American Smarties^[18] --- Chalk^[18] --- "those odd marshmallow circus peanut things" -- gum from baseball cards
candy that is clearly just the stuff given out for free at restaurants --- ribbon candy

Candy: A Novel of Love and Addiction, by Luke Davies

TIER SO LOW IT DOES NOT REGISTER ON OUR EQUIPMENT^[19]



Healthy Fruit^[20] --- Pencils^[21] --- Hugs (actual physical hugs)^[21] --- Lapel Pins --- Extra Strength Tylenol --- Pebbles
"Anonymous brown globs that come in black and orange wrappers" --- Now'n'Later^[22] --- Whole Wheat anything
"good tidings", or "helpful advice" or renewed calls to "get the F- off my porch or I'll call social services on your Mom
again, Jason!" --- broken glow stick --- kale smoothie