

Business & Non-Instructional Operations

Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall establish administrative procedures to control food sales, which compete with the District's non-profit food service in compliance with federal statutes and regulations.

Good nutrition is essential to peak academic performance for students and to long-term health. The Board supports nutrition programs and nutrition education as an integral part of a high-quality education. The District's lunch (and breakfast) program will operate to meet dietary specifications in accordance with the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 and applicable state laws and regulations.

To ensure that foods served at schools address appropriate nutritional needs and to protect the health of students, the *food service program* will address control over the sale of non-cafeteria/competitive food. For purposes of this policy, "competitive food" refers to any foods sold or dispensed to children at school other than meals served through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) school meal programs.

The District *will* permit vending machines and the sale of competitive foods in the high school in accordance with this policy.*

Schools *will not* offer or sell other non-cafeteria/competitive foods to students on campus from one hour prior to the first lunch period to one-half hour after the last lunch period.

The sale of beverages to students from any source, including, but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias and any fund-raising activities on school grounds, whether or not school-sponsored, shall be restricted to milk, non-dairy drinks such as soy or rice milk, 100% fruit juices, vegetable juices or combination of such juices, beverages that contain only water or vegetable juice and water. All allowed beverages must fulfill the requirements specified in Connecticut statute and federal regulations regarding artificial sweeteners, flavoring, caffeine, and portion size.

The *Director of Food Service* is responsible for ensuring that foods from vending machines and other non-cafeteria/competitive foods are sold in compliance with federal and state guidelines and district policy.

*Note: Connecticut regulations prohibit schools from selling or dispensing tea, coffee, soft drinks and candy to students anywhere on school premises during the "regular school day" which is the period from midnight before the start of the official school day to 30 minutes after the end of the school day.

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The income from the sale of any foods, including vending machines, school stores, student fundraisers, P.T.A., clubs etc., sold or distributed anywhere on the school premises from 30 minutes prior to the start of the meal program until 30 minutes after the end of the meal program must accrue to the food service account. Federal regulations prohibit the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value during meal periods.

(cf. 6142.101-Student Nutrition and Physical Wellness, School Wellness)

Legal Reference: National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program Competitive Foods. (7 CFR Parts 210 and 220, Federal Register, Vol.45, No. 20, Tuesday, January 29, 1980, pp. 6758-6772)

P.L. 111-296 Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA), 42 U.S.C. 1751

7 CFR Parts 210 & 220 -Nutrition Standards in the National School Lunch & School Breakfast Programs.

Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Handicap in Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Assistance, 7 C.F.R. Part 15b (2001)

Connecticut General Statutes

10-215e Nutrition Standards for food that is not part of lunch and breakfast program

10-215f Certification that food meets nutrition standards

10-221p Boards to make available for purchase nutritious low-fat foods and drinks

10-221q Sale of beverages

PA 06-63 An Act Concerning Healthy Food and Beverages in Schools

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies – 10-15b-1 Competitive foods

Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies – 10-215b-23 Income from the sale of food items

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