

## **Business and Non-Instructional Operations**

### **Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program**

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 modern nutritional needs and to protect the health of students, the (*Principal/Cafeteria Food Supervisor/Director of Food Services*) 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 not*) permit vending machines and the sale of competitive foods in the middle school and high school in accordance with this policy.\*

Schools will not operate any vending machines that are accessible to students on any campus from 30 minutes prior to the start of lunch period to 30 minutes after the end of lunch period.

Schools will not offer or sell other non-cafeteria/competitive foods to students on campus from 30 minutes prior to the start of lunch period to 30 minutes after the end of lunch period.

The Board shall make available in District schools for purchase by students nutritious and low-fat foods which shall include, but shall not be limited to, low-fat dairy products and fresh or dried fruit at all times when food is available for purchase during the regular school day in schools.

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 Principal 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.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to close a cafeteria or discontinue the sale of competitive foods if not properly operated.

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**\*Note:** Connecticut regulations prohibit schools from selling or dispensing tea, coffee, soft drinks and candy to students anywhere on school premises from 30 minutes prior to the start of any state or federally subsidized milk or meal program (National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, After-School Snack Program and Special Milk Program) until 30 minutes after the end of the program. The income from the sale of any foods, including vending machines, school stores, student fund-raisers, P.T.A., clubs etc., sold or distributed anywhere on the school premises during the same timeframe must accrue to the food service account. Federal regulations prohibit the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value during meal periods. The sale of soda is banned by Connecticut statute.

(cf. 3542 – School Lunch Program)

(cf. 3542.31 – Participation in the Nutritional School Lunch Program)

(cf. 3542.34 – Nutrition Program)

(cf. 3542.43 – Charging Policy)

(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  
 Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies – 10-215b-1 Competitive foods  
 Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies – 10-215b-23 Income from the sale of food items