

Policy on Competition and Extra Food Sales

On February 22, 1985, the State Board of Education passed the following policy on the selling of foods in competition with the National School Food Service Programs and on the nutritional quality of foods sold extra:

To ensure that children are not in the position of having to decide between non-nutritious and nutritious foods immediately before or during any meal service period.

- (a) No food is to be sold on the school campus for one (1) hour before the start of any meal service period.
- (b) The school food service staff shall serve only those foods, which are components of the approved federal meal patterns being served (or milk products) and such additional foods as necessary to meet the caloric requirements of the age group being served.
- (c) With the exceptions of milk products and bottled water, a student may purchase individual components of the meal only if the full meal unit also is being purchased.
- (d) Students who bring lunch from home may purchase milk products and bottled water only.
- (e) This policy should be viewed as a minimum standard. Local boards of education are encouraged to develop more comprehensive restrictions.

Clarification and/or Interpretation of Competitive Foods Rule

- (a) No food is to be sold on campus for one hour before breakfast or one hour before lunch and until the end of either serving period. Any food may be sold after breakfast and until one hour before lunch.
- (b)&(c) After the full meal has been served, a student may purchase individual components or milk products and bottled water as extra sales. The old rule that a food item must be on the menu to be sold no longer applies. The new rule is that a food must be a component of the meal to be sold extra.
- (d) Students who bring lunch can purchase only milk, ice cream and bottled water.
- (e) Self explanatory

Food service for profit or sales in competition with the National School Lunch Program shall not be operated in the cafeteria at any time during the day. Snack item, such as soft drinks, candies, nabs, potato chips, pop corn, popsicles, etc., including those meeting nutritional requirements, cannot be sold in the cafeteria at any time during the school day and cannot be sold in the school during the designated meal service period.