

COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES/VENDING MACHINES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for the sale of competitive foods at school.

Good nutrition is essential to peak academic performance for students and to long-term health. The district supports nutrition programs and nutrition education as an integral part of a high-quality education.

To ensure that foods served at schools address modern nutritional needs and to protect the health of students, the principal will exercise control over the sale of non-cafeteria/competitive food. For purposes of this policy, "competitive food" means any food that is sold in competition with the school breakfast or lunch program.

The district will permit vending machines and the sale of competitive foods in the middle schools, high schools, and career centers in accordance with this policy.

Schools will not offer or sell any foods of minimal nutritional value in the food service area during meal periods. Foods of minimal nutritional value are those which contribute less than five percent of the Reference Daily Intake (RDI) for any one of several key nutrients and are grouped into the following four categories:

- soda water (which includes all carbonated beverages)
- water ices
- chewing gum
- certain candies

Schools will not operate any vending machines that are accessible to students on any campus when in violation of USDA regulations.

The principal is responsible for ensuring that foods from vending machines and/or other non-cafeteria/competitive foods are sold in compliance with federal guidelines, state regulations and district policy.

The board authorizes the superintendent/principal to close a canteen or discontinue the sale of competitive foods if not properly operated.

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Legal references:

A. Federal Law:

1. Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-296, 124 Stat. 3183.

B. S. C. Code, 1976, as amended:

1. Sections 59-10-310, *et seq.* - Nutrition standards.

C. Federal Regulations:

1. National School Lunch and Breakfast Program: Nutrition Standards for all Foods Sold in School, 78 Fed. Reg. 125 (June 28, 2013).

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D. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-168 - Nutrition standards for elementary (K-5) school food service meals and competitive foods.

E. Other references:

1. USDA Smart Snack in School Regulation.
2. 2015 SC "Smart Snacks" and Exempt Fundraisers Memorandum.