

FOOD SALE STANDARDS AND SERVICES

The Governing Board hereby adopts nutrition standards governing the types of food and beverages that may be sold on School premises and specifying the time and place for such approved food and beverages to be sold. In developing those standards, the Board has:

1. Considered the nutritional value of each food or beverage;
2. Consulted with a licensed dietitian, a registered dietetic technician, or a certified or credentialed school nutrition specialist who may be a Board employee, a consultant, or a volunteer; and
3. Consulted the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and incorporate to the extent possible.

The nutrition standards shall be consistent with those established by federal law (42 U.S.C. §§1758, 1766, 1773, 1779, and any implementing regulations) and shall promote student health and reduce childhood obesity.

No food or beverage may be sold on School premises during the regular or extended school day except in accordance with the following standards:

- A. Decisions regarding the food to be sold shall be based on its potential to contribute significantly to the daily nutritional needs of children and to enhance the School's nutrition philosophy and nutrition education curriculum.
- B. The time of day and place for the sale of food to students shall be consistent with the nutrient intake needs and eating patterns of students and compatible with class schedules within the School.
- C. No *a la carte* beverage may be sold on School premises except in accordance with the standards set forth in Section 3313.816 and 3313.817 of the Ohio Revised Code or regulations or guidelines adopted thereunder, or successor legislation, regulations, or guidelines.
- D. Vending machines shall not be placed in any classroom unless the classroom is also used to serve student meals. This does not apply to vending machines that sell only milk, reimbursable meals provided under the National School Lunch Program, or food and beverage items that are part of a reimbursable meal and are sold individually in the same portion size as found in the reimbursable meal.

Enforcement of Standards

The Board directs the Head Administrator or his/her designee to ensure that the School meets the nutrition standards adopted by the Board. The Head Administrator or his/her designee shall prepare an annual report regarding compliance with these standards and make a presentation to the Board at one of its regular meetings. Copies of the report shall be made available to the public upon request.

During School hours, food sold in the School or cafeteria must adhere to criteria established by the USDA as meeting the reimbursable meal criteria. Free and reduced-priced lunch and (when applicable) breakfast will be provided to students who cannot afford to pay the price of the meal.

Such food items will not come under this classification during:

- A. Athletic events;
- B. Special holiday programs; and
- C. Special events which do not supplement the regular lunch program.

This classification of food will not encompass regular employees, certificated or classified.

At least one employee who has received instruction in methods to prevent choking and has demonstrated an ability to perform the Heimlich maneuver shall be present while students are being served food.

LEGAL REFS: 42 U.S.C. §1758b; R.C. 3313.814; 3313.815

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