

# Policy EFE 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 lunch or breakfast program.

The Student Nutrition Services Director or his/her designee will provide annual Smart Snacks guidance, communications, professional development and training twice a year.

The district will only permit vending machines and the sale of competitive foods in schools and programs where middle and high school students are served.

Schools will only operate vending machines and canteens accessible to students that are Smart Snack compliant.

Schools may offer or sell other non-cafeteria/competitive foods to students on campus during the school day. Items sold must meet the nutritional guidelines as outlined in the district's Wellness Policy and in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture's guidance for Smart Snacks.

Additionally, school canteens must comply with local and state regulatory agency laws and guidance for food safety in retail establishments.

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 and district policy.

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

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