

FOOD SALE STANDARDS

Through its food service program, the Board encourages students to form healthy eating habits by governing the types of food and beverages sold in the schools and the time and place at which each type of food and beverage is sold. These standards are based on the following guidelines.

1. The types of food and beverages sold in the schools are determined by their potential to contribute significantly to the:
 - A. daily nutritional needs of students, consistent with the guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA),
 - B. provisions of the District's wellness policy and
 - C. nutritional guidelines established by Federal and State law.

2. A licensed dietician, a registered dietetic technician or a certified/credentialed school nutrition specialist must be initially consulted to assist the food services supervisor in drafting for Board adoption a plan:
 - A. for complying with and enforcing the nutritional standards governing the types of food and beverages that may be sold on school premises in compliance with State law and
 - B. specifying the time and place each type of food or beverage may be sold.

3. The time of day and place for the sale of food and beverages to students must be consistent with the nutrient intake needs and eating patterns of students and compatible with class schedules. The following restrictions are enforced for non-breakfast/lunch and beverage sales:
 - A. Foods or beverages which do not meet the nutritional standards established by the District in accordance with USDA regulations may not be sold during the school lunch period. The Board reserves the right to totally restrict the sale of non-nutritional foods and beverages in vending machines.
 - B. School fundraising activities involving food and beverage items sold during the school day must be in compliance with the USDA Smart Snacks in Schools nutrition standards, and not in direct competition with the school breakfast/lunch program, and with permission of the building principal.

4. Annually, the food services supervisor reviews and recommends to the Board the types of foods and beverages to be sold as part of the school breakfast and lunch programs.

Separate standards may be established for the types of food and beverages to be sold to staff members and for events and activities held outside the school day.

Compliance with nutritional standards is reported to the Ohio Department of Education by November 30 annually through the consolidated school mandate report.

If the District reports noncompliance the Superintendent/designee must provide a written explanation to the Board within 30 days explaining this noncompliance and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

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