

DELETE POLICY

FEDERAL LAW AND STATE REGULATIONS	All District schools shall conform to applicable federal and state guidelines. In particular, no restricted foods such as foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV), or competitive foods [see DEFINITIONS, below] may be sold in food service areas during meal service periods.
VENDING MACHINES	<p>The District shall allow vending machines dispensing products in approved locations as long as their operation does not interfere with the National School Lunch Program, the National School Breakfast Program, or the regular school instructional program. Vending machines shall not be located in cafeterias.</p> <p>Vending machines containing FMNV such as carbonated beverages and certain candies shall not be in areas where breakfast meals, lunch meals, or after-school snacks are served or eaten.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall implement rules and regulations pertaining to the location and operation of vending machines and to provide safeguards against litter and sanitation problems.</p>
CONTRACTS	All beverage vending machine contracts shall be approved at the District level. Individual campus principals do not have the authority to enter into individual contracts.
TEACHER AREAS	Vending machines in teacher/faculty dining areas and in teacher/faculty lounges may sell snack foods and beverages, including carbonated beverages. These machines shall be off limits to students at all times.
ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS	Beverage vending machines at the elementary and middle school levels, accessible to students and the general visiting public, shall dispense at any time unflavored, noncarbonated bottled water, 100 percent fruit and vegetable juices, and one percent milk and skim milk products.
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Snack vending machines at elementary schools shall not be available to students except after school hours. An elementary school campus may not serve or provide access for students to FMNV or competitive foods at anytime or anywhere on school premises during the school day.
MIDDLE SCHOOLS	A middle school campus may not serve or provide access for students to FMNV or any form of candy anywhere on school premises until after the end of the last lunch period. Competitive foods may not be made available to middle school students anywhere on school premises during meal periods.
HIGH SCHOOLS	

Beverage and snack food vending machines at the high school level, accessible to students and the general visiting public, shall be allowed to dispense a limited selection of vendor products. A high school campus may not serve or provide access for students to FMNV or competitive foods in areas where reimbursable meals (breakfast, lunch, and snacks) are served or consumed, except unflavored, noncarbonated bottled water and 100 percent fruit and vegetable juices.

DEFINITIONS

PORTION SIZES

Maximum portion sizes are restricted by the Texas Public School Nutrition Policy from the Texas Department of Agriculture and pertain to all foods and beverages served or made available to students throughout the school day at elementary, middle, and high schools.

FOODS OF
MINIMUM
NUTRITIONAL
VALUE (FMNV)

FMNV are defined as the four categories of foods and beverages (soda water, water ices, chewing gum, and certain candies) that are restricted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the Child Nutrition Program.

COMPETITIVE
FOODS

Competitive foods are defined as foods and beverages sold or made available to students that compete with the school's operation of the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and/or After School Snack Program. This definition includes, but is not limited to, food and beverages sold or provided in vending machines, in school stores, or as part of school fundraisers. School fundraisers include food sold by school administrators or staff (principals, coaches, teachers, etc.), students or student groups, parents or parent groups, or any other person, company, or organization.

COMPETITIVE FOOD
SALES

The food service program operates without support from the general operating fund. In order for it to remain self-sustaining, competitive sales of food and beverages shall be strictly controlled. Competitive sales of food and beverages by school-related organizations, PTAs, and others shall not take place during school hours in elementary or elementary-intermediate schools; during school meal times in middle schools; and in high schools during meal times where school meals are served and consumed.

As part of the approval process for fund-raising activities, the principal, in collaboration with the Food and Nutrition Services Department and sponsors or officers of school-related organizations, shall impose reasonable restrictions on the number and frequency of competitive sales of food and beverages.

In planning for competitive sales, the principal shall consult with the Food and Nutrition Services Department to determine whether that department can reasonably serve as vendor or broker for the

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event. Any exceptions to this policy shall be approved under guidelines and procedures developed by the Superintendent or designee.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Schools and school-related organizations may contract with the Food and Nutrition Services Department to serve as broker or vendor for food and beverages served at activities outside normal school hours, although private vendors may also provide this service.

VIOLATIONS

Any violation of this policy, which is required by the USDA, may result in financial losses to the District.