

**BOARD AGENDA ITEM**

**January 14, 2020**

***SUBJECT:***

Changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales, Final Reading

***BACKGROUND INFORMATION:***

School Board Policy EFE addresses competitive food sales in school day settings. The current policy prohibits any competitive food sales at the elementary level.

***ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:***

Modifications to Policy EFE, as proposed, would allow competitive sales at elementary schools while maintaining the restrictions on proximity of those sales to the lunchroom area where school breakfast and lunch are served. Certain other updates, as discussed during the initial reading, are reflected including references to Smart Snacks guidelines. [Any competitive sales, regardless of school level, must also be Smart Snack compliant.]

The Board approved the First Reading of the proposed changes at its December 17, 2019, meeting.

***RECOMMENDATION:***

Approve Final Reading of changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales

***ATTACHMENTS:***

Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales

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## Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales

Issued 10/13

**Purpose:** To establish the basic structure for compliance with competitive food sales pursuant to federal and accreditation standards.

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, in consultation with the school food service director 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 district will permit vending machines and the sale of competitive foods in accordance with this policy as long as vending machines and sales of competitive foods are not located in school cafeterias or within serving areas or "table areas" (areas intended for school food consumption) of schools utilizing common areas for serving school breakfasts and lunches. High schools, career centers and middle schools may operate vending machines.

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

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

Policy assessment will be ongoing and maybe amended as deemed necessary.

**Note:** This competitive food policy is an integral part of the Student Health and Fitness Act. Refer to the physical education policy (IHAE) and nutrition/food services policy (EF) for additional guidelines.

Adopted 8/14/79; Revised 4/23/02, 8/8/06, 10/8/13

Legal references:

S.C. Code of Laws, 1976 as amended:

Students Health and Fitness Act of 2005, Sections [59-10-310](#) through 380 - Nutrition standards.

State Board of Education Regulations:

[R-43-168](#) - Nutrition standards for elementary (K-5) school food service meals and competitive foods.