

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

October 8, 2013

SUBJECT:

Policy EFE - Amendment to Policy EFE *Competitive Food Sales* – **Final Reading**

BACKGROUND:

The present wording of Policy EFE has a minor inconsistency with certain practices in most elementary schools in the District and in the State. The recommended change will eliminate that inconsistency so that actual practices will be compliant.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATION:

While the restrictions regarding competitive foods are intended to be broader for elementary schools than in the middle and high schools, the present wording proscribing the ability to “offer” non-cafeteria/competitive foods during the instructional day is inconsistent with the long held tradition of certain celebrations and food rewards at the elementary level from time to time. For example, frequently special school-related observances and/or student birthdays might be recognized by a class mother offering distribution of approved treats such as commercially packaged cupcakes or cookies and accompanying drinks. By eliminating two words in the policy, this concern with compliance can be eliminated entirely. These changes were approved by the Board for First Reading at its regular meeting on September 24, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt on final reading the proposed changes to Policy EFE.

ATTACHMENT:

Policy EFE as amended

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COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES

Code **EFE** 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 supervisor 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.

Elementary schools will not sell non-cafeteria/competitive foods to students on campus during the instructional day.

High schools, career centers and middle schools may operate vending machines that are accessible to students as long as vending machines 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.

Low-fat or nonfat milk, water and 100 percent fruit juices that do not contain added sugars and sweeteners will be available to all students.

Beverages sold, except water or milk, will not be larger than 12 ounces.

Commercial vendors of competitive foods which sell products to individual schools for resale (or other distribution) by school clubs, school organizations or school staff will follow all regulatory guidelines pertaining to hot or cold foods.

The commercial vendor will advise the vendor (staff member, club or organization representative) regarding any time limitations for consumption and any interim requirements for cold storage or heat maintenance before consumption.

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.

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.

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

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

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Legal references:

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

1. Students Health and Fitness Act of 2005, Sections 59-10-310 through 380 - Nutrition standards.

B. State Board of Education Regulations:

1. R43-168 - Nutrition standards for elementary (K-5) school food service meals and competitive foods.