

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

December 17, 2019

SUBJECT:

Changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales, First 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 are proposed that 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 proposed updates are shown, including references to Smart Snacks guidelines. [Any competitive sales, regardless of school level, must also be Smart Snack compliant.]

RECOMMENDATION:

Approved changes to Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales on first reading

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales

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Policy EFE Competitive Food Sales

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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~~ 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.

~~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 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.

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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.

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