

It is the policy of the Board that each school within its jurisdiction provide a food service program that is nutritionally adequate, educationally effective and financially sound. Only foods and beverages which promote desirable food habits and which meet the child's school day nutritional needs shall be served at lunch.

The sale of foods of minimal nutritional value is prohibited to students in elementary schools from the beginning of the school day through the end of the last meal period. No school shall sell foods of minimal nutritional value in the food service areas during the school day.

The sale of foods and beverages in competition with the school food program is prohibited from the beginning of the school day until the end of the last lunch period. Vending machines which dispense soft drinks, candies, and crackers are not to be used during the regular school day or school year for the purpose of selling goods to students. These machines may be used after regular school hours and during the summer sessions when lunchrooms are not in operation.

Proceeds from the sale of competitive foods shall benefit the school's non-profit meal program, or the school, or student organizations approved by the school.

#### Management of the Food Services Program

The food service program shall operate under the control of the Board of Education through the superintendent, the school food service director and school principals. Food service workers shall be considered Board employees who have been employed on the recommendation of the respective principals. The day to day operation of the food service program shall be delegated to the School Food Service Director with input from the school principals. The food service program shall operate on a non-profit basis with the price of student meals set as low as possible considering food and labor cost, funds on hand, other sources of income, student participation, free lunches served, donated commodities available and rate of State reimbursement. Adult lunch prices shall be set in an amount to reflect the total cost of the meal.

Each lunchroom manager, under the direction and supervision of the School Food Service Director, shall be responsible for the purchase of food, supplies and other items necessary for the operation of the lunchroom. In the purchasing of food and supplies, full advantage shall be taken of competitive bidding or quotes for securing the best price available.

The Board's financial contribution to the food service program shall be directed towards the cost of those lunches for which inadequate State and Federal reimbursement is received.