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OPERATIONAL SERVICES

4:120 Food Services

Good nutrition shall be promoted in the District's meal programs and in other food and beverages that are sold to students during the school day. The Superintendent or designee shall manage a food service program that complies with this policy and is in alignment with Board of Education policy 6:50, *School Wellness*.

The food service programs in participating schools shall also comply with any applicable mandates in the Ill. School Breakfast and Lunch Program Act.

Substitutions to the standard meal requirement shall be made, at no additional charge, for students who have been approved by the District for the free lunch program or are certified by a licensed physician to have a disability which restricts his/her diet, in accordance with the criteria set forth in [7 CFR 15\(b\)\(3\)](#). To qualify for such substitutions, the medical certification must identify:

- A. The student's disability and the major life activity affected by the disability;
- B. An explanation of why the disability affects the student's diet; and
- C. The food(s) to be omitted from the student's diet, and the food or choice of foods that must be substituted (e.g., caloric modifications or use of liquid nutritive formula).

The Board of Education recognizes that vending machines can produce revenues which are useful to augment programs and services to students and staff. It will, therefore, authorize their use in District facilities providing that the following conditions are satisfied:

- A. No food or beverages are to be sold or distributed which will compete with the District's food-service program.
- B. Food items and beverages available for sale to students in vending machines for consumption on campus shall comply with the USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Smart Snack Rules.
- C. The installation, servicing, stocking, and maintenance of each machine is contracted for with a reputable supplier of vending machines and their products.
- D. The District's share of the revenues is managed by the District in accordance with relevant Board policies and administrative guidelines.

- E. No products are vended which would conflict with or contradict information or procedures contained in the District's educational programs on health and nutrition.

The food-service program shall be the sole provider of food and beverage items sold in all schools until thirty (30) minutes following the last lunch period, at which time student clubs and organizations and/or District support organizations may request approval to sell foods and beverage items in accordance with the Board's policies and guidelines. Accordingly, all food items and beverages for sale to students for consumption on campus from vending machines, from school stores, or as fundraisers by student clubs and organizations and/or District support organizations shall comply with the current USDA Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Smart Snack Rules, and shall only be available between thirty (30) minutes following the last school lunch period and thirty (30) minutes after the close of the regular school day.

LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 125/.](#)

[23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305,](#) School Food Service.

CROSS REF.: 4:130 (Free and Reduced-Price Food Services), 6:50 (School Wellness)