

**COMPETITIVE FOOD SALES - SALES OF FOODS IN COMPETITION WITH THE
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM**

RSU #56 supports good nutrition as part of a school environment that contributes to student health and encourages positive food choices and eating habits. The Board believes that nutrition influences a student's ability to take full advantage of the school system's educational program and is, therefore, related to student achievement.

The Board also recognizes that proceeds from the sale of foods and beverages outside of the School Lunch Program ("competitive foods") are a significant source of funds for student activities that RSU #56 might not otherwise be able to provide.

The Board has adopted this policy to govern the sale of foods and beverages on school property.

RESTRICTION ON SALE OF COMPETITIVE FOODS

Maine Department of Education Rule Chapter 51 mandates that any food or beverage sold at any time on school property of a school participating in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs shall be planned part of the total food service program of the school and shall include only those items which contribute both to the nutritional needs of children and the development of desirable food habits, and shall not include foods of minimal nutritional value as defined in applicable federal regulations, except as provided for by school board policy in certain circumstances.

As allowed by Rule Chapter 51, the RSU #56 Board permits the sale of food and beverages outside the total food program:

1. To school staff
2. To attendees at school-sponsored community events held on school property (i.e., school-sponsored events that are open to the public.)
3. To the public as community events held on school property in accordance with the Board's facilities use policy.
4. In State-approved instructional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs
5. By a school approved student organization or program if consistent with the requirement that **such sales not include foods of minimal nutritional value as defined in 7 C.R.R. § 210.11(a)(2).**

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