

## **NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS FOR FOOD SELECTION**

Policy Code: **6230**

Employees of the student food services program shall select foods in a manner consistent with the goals established by the board and all state and federal laws and regulations. Food selection also must be consistent with statewide nutrition standards for school meals, a la carte foods and beverages, and items served in after-school snack programs.

### **FOODS OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

Competitive food sales, including food and beverages from vending machines and outside suppliers or any other items sold separately from the school lunch program, must be controlled to ensure that they do not encourage poor eating habits or negatively affect the ability of the school to provide a nutritious lunch at the lowest possible cost. Further, any foods sold between 12:01 a.m. and the end of the last lunch period must be sold through the school food services department, and the food services program will retain the proceeds.

The superintendent or designee shall establish nutritional standards for non-cafeteria or competitive foods to protect the health of students. The superintendent shall ensure that any snack vending meets the applicable requirements of *Eat Smart: North Carolina's Recommended Standards for All Foods Available in School*. Beverage vending sales must meet the requirements of policy 6235, Beverage Vending Sales.

Legal References: Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 *et seq.*; National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751, *et seq.*; G.S. 115C-47(7), -47(22), -263, -264, -264.2, -264.3; State Board of Education Policy TCS-S-000, TCS-S-002; *Eat Smart: North Carolina's Recommended Standards for All Foods Available in School*, NC Department of Health and Human Services, NC Division of Public Health (2004)

Cross References: Goals of Student Food Services (policy 6200), Beverage Vending Sales (policy 6235)

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