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COMPETITIVE FOODS RULE

State agencies under authority of the Food and Nutrition Services of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) have established rules which they have deemed necessary to control the sale of foods in competition with National Child Nutrition Programs.

"Competitive foods" means any foods sold in competition with the School Lunch Program to children in food service areas during the lunch periods.

Rules established prohibit the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value in food service areas during the lunch or breakfast periods. Foods of minimal nutritional value are defined as foods which provide less than five percent of the United States Recommended Daily Allowances (USRDA) for each of the eight specified nutrients per 100 calories and per serving. They list examples of "Categories of Foods of Minimal Nutritional Values" as: soda water (pop), water ices, chewing gum, candies such as: hard candy, jellies and gums, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, spun candy, candy coated popcorn.

The sale of other competitive foods may, at the discretion of the state agency and the local School Food Authority (district), be allowed in the food service area during the lunch and breakfast periods only if all income from the sales of such food accrues to the benefit of the non-profit school food service, or the school, or student organizations approved by the school. However, the Granite District Board of Education, administration and the PTA are desirous of having a successful school lunch program and discourage sales of outside foods which compete with the school lunch program. Competitive foods are usually sold as fund raisers. The district is running a pilot program and studying budget allocations with the goal of reducing the need for the large volume of fund raising that has taken place in the past.

All schools are expected to abide by the rules and regulations set down by the state agencies and the local food authority.

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