

Descriptor Term:  
NUTRITIONAL STANDARDS FOR FOOD SELECTION

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6.2300

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: 6.2000 Goals of Child Nutrition; 6.2350 Beverage Vending Sales

Employees of the child nutrition 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 pre-school, before/after school and snack programs.

#### FOODS OTHER THAN THE SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Competitive food sales, including food and beverages from vending machines, 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, served or provided to students between 12:01 a.m. and the end of the last lunch period must be sold, served or provided to students through the Child Nutrition Department, and the Child Nutrition Department will retain any 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 must meet the requirements of Policy 6.2350, Beverage Vending Sales.

No food or beverages other than those prepared and served by the Child Nutrition Department may be brought onto school grounds and sold, served or provided to students between 12:01 a.m. and the end of the last lunch period.

All food and beverages brought onto school grounds and sold, served or provided to students during school hours, other than those prepared and served by the Child Nutrition Department, those brought by a student for his/her own consumption or those foods prepared by students at the instruction of their teachers and during class, must be clearly labeled from an institutional, health inspected facility having a Grade A.

Each day that a student is in attendance, he/she shall be given an opportunity and direct access to purchase meals prepared by the Child Nutrition Department during the student's designated lunch period.