



NEBO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

The Board of Education recognizes that students need adequate and nourishing food in order to learn effectively and maintain good health. The Board of Education also recognizes that vending machines in schools provide an opportunity for students and others to purchase food and beverages without the necessity of leaving the school campus. This policy establishes parameters to govern the placement and contents of food and beverage vending machines in the schools within Nebo School District. Its scope is limited to areas that are accessible to students and does not apply to faculty rooms or other areas in which student access is restricted.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 “Approved Beverage(s)”** means fruit drinks containing at least 10% fruit juice, milk, flavored milk, water, and non-carbonated sports drinks that do not contain more than 42 grams of added sweetener per 20 ounce serving. Beverages should not provide more than 250 calories per container.
- 2.2 “Approved Food(s)”** means foods which meet the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) minimal nutritional value guidelines, and provides no more than 300 calories per package. At least one-half (1/2) of all foods in vending machines shall meet the following standards: (a) 35% or less of total calories from fat (not including nuts, seeds, non-fat and low-fat dairy); (b) 10% or less of calories from saturated fat (not including nuts, seeds, non-fat and low-fat dairy); and (c) 35% or less of sugar by weight.
- 2.3 “Foods of minimal nutritional value”** as defined by the USDA and Utah Admin. Code, R277-719, which includes: (a) soda water; (b) water ices; (c) chewing gum; (d) hard candy; (e) jellies and gums; (f) marshmallow candies; (g) fondant; (h) licorice; (i) spun candy; and (j) candy coated popcorn.
- 2.4 “Vending machine”** means a self-service device that, upon insertion of a coin, paper currency, token, card or key, dispenses a unit serving of beverages or food in containers or packages.

3. ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Food and beverage vending machines are not allowed in elementary schools. Vending machines are allowed in secondary schools. These vending machines shall contain only approved beverages and approved foods, and shall not contain any foods of minimal nutritional value.

4. SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The School Community Council will exercise general oversight over the vending machine program at each secondary school. Each secondary school shall select a "Wellness Specialist" in accordance with Nebo School District Policy No. EFA, Student Wellness, which shall include the assignment to periodically inspect contents of the vending machines and report the findings to the School Community Council.

5. HEALTHY FOOD CHOICES

5.1 Foods and beverages made available to students on campus **during the school day** (i.e., vending machines, a-la-carte sales, fundraisers, school parties/celebrations, student stores, etc.) shall follow the requirements of this policy. When food or beverages are offered during the school day, the school should emphasize nutritious foods and beverages which have low levels of fats and sugars. Fruits and vegetables are recommended.

5.2 After school activities (i.e., food and beverages sold during athletic and other extracurricular events) are exempt from the requirements of this policy, however, school personnel should be mindful of providing food and beverage items to students that are of high nutritional value.

6. CONTRACTS

All vending machine contracts must be in a form approved by the district's legal counsel and the Board of Education prior to being signed by the school principal.

7. PROCEEDS AND ACCOUNTING

The proceeds from vending machines governed by this policy shall be used in support of school programs which benefit students. That use may include the purchase of books, supplies, equipment, assemblies, rewards, incentives, school-wide activities, activity supervision, campus clean-up, the promotion of healthy food choices, and the encouragement of appropriate disposal of litter. Proceeds may also be used to support teacher training. Vending machine receipts and expenditures shall be accounted for using generally accepted accounting procedures and in accordance with applicable district accounting procedures. At the end of each school year, each secondary school shall submit a report of the school's vending machine receipts and expenditures to the district's Finance Department.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

Utah Admin. Code, R277-719
Nebo School District Policy No. EFA, Student Wellness

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None
