

FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) will contract with the Colorado Department of Education Child Nutrition Unit for a school lunch program to be offered in all district schools under the overall supervision of a Director of Food and Nutrition Services.

The Director of Food and Nutrition Services will cooperate with each school principal in matters essential to the proper functioning of the Food and Nutrition Service program. The responsibility for control of students using the school cafeteria will rest with the building principal.

Food and Nutrition Services will include hot lunches and breakfasts, through participation in the National School Lunch Program.

Any food sold to students in vending or school stores must be free of trans-fats. This means that foods may not contain partially hydrogenated oils.

The Board will approve the prices set for meals and the price of milk.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

The administration shall establish regulations that conform to state and federal (or other) requirements regarding participation in programs for free and reduced price meals and supplementary food. (Refer to Regulation EF-R).

Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value

As defined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service, the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value (FMNV) is prohibited in the food service areas (preparation, service, or dining areas) during breakfast and lunch periods. Foods that have received USDA exemption from the FMNV list may be sold a la carte in the food service area(s) by the Food and Nutrition Service program.

Competitive Food Sales/Vending Machines

Competitive food service is any food or beverage service available to students that is separate and apart from the District's nonprofit federally reimbursed food service program, and is operated by school approved organizations or by school approved outside vendors. Such competitive food service shall not operate in competition with the District's Food and Nutrition Service program, and will be closed for a period beginning 30 minutes prior to and remain closed until 30 minutes after the last regular scheduled school lunch and/or breakfast period on the campus where the school lunch and/or breakfast is served. Areas of the campus not accessible to students are unaffected by this restriction.

The use of vending machines for soft drinks, confections, etc., in district schools and departments will be coordinated and contracted for in a manner approved by the Superintendent or designee.

All income from vending machines located on campus and operating ½ hour before the first meal period until ½ hour after the end of the last meal period (breakfast and lunch) must accrue to the District's nonprofit federally reimbursed food service program.

For high school campuses only, in cooperation with, and upon approval of the Director of Food and Nutrition Services, a school or student organization may sell mechanically vended beverages classified as FMNV outside the food service area(s) during meal times (breakfast and lunch). These vended beverages must comply with the Colorado State Healthy Beverage Policy guidelines (1 CCR 301-79).

Students will be permitted to bring their lunches from home and, in accordance with Board Policy JLIB, may be allowed to leave campus for lunch.

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CROSS REFS.: EF-R, Food and Nutrition Services Free and Reduced Priced Meals
JLIB, Closed Campus/Student Dismissal Precautions
ADF, District Wellness

LEGAL REFS.: 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq. (National School Lunch Act) and USDA Part 210, App. B
1 CCR 301-3
1 CCR 301-79
C.R.S. 22-32-120
C.R.S. 22-32-134.5
C.R.S. 22-32-136
C.R.S. 22-30.5-517

Policy Owner: Food Services