

Palouse Prairie Charter School

NONINSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

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Guidelines for Food and Beverages Sales

This policy shall apply to all foods sold outside of reimbursable school meals, such as through vending machines, cafeteria a la carte snack lines, fundraisers, school stores, etc.

The Charter School encourages the use of nutrient dense foods for all school functions and activities. Nutrient dense foods are those foods that provide students with calories rich in the nutrient content needed to be healthy. At any Charter School functions, such as parties, celebrations, feasts, or sporting events, healthy food options should be available.

The Charter School food service program will approve and provide all food and beverage sales to students. Given young children's limited nutrition skills, food should be sold as balanced meals. If available, foods and beverages sold individually should be limited to low-fat and non-fat milk, fruits, and non-fried vegetables.

All foods and beverages sold individually outside the reimbursable school meal programs; including those sold through a la carte [snack] lines, vending machines, student stores, or fundraising activities; during the school day will meet the nutrition standards found in the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations.

Vending Machines

The Board of Directors has determined that there shall be no installations of vending machines except as approved by the Director. The Director will have the authority to determine whether such machines may be installed, where they will be placed, and during which hours they might be used. Vending machines are operated as a convenience for students, staff, and patrons. All revenue produced from this source shall be deposited in the designated activity fund as approved by the Board. Revenues may be spent only on those purposes for which general revenue may be expended.

All vending sales shall comply with the standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations.

Snacks

Snacks served during the school day or in after-school care or enrichment programs will make a positive contribution to children's diets and health, with an emphasis on serving fruits and vegetables as the primary snacks and water as the primary beverage and will meet the standards of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations. The Charter School will assess if and when to offer snacks based on timing of school meals, children's nutritional needs, children's ages, and other considerations. The Charter School will disseminate a list of healthful snack items to teachers, after-school program personnel, and parents.

If eligible, the Charter School will pursue receiving reimbursements through the National School Lunch Program for snacks provided through after-school programs.

Fundraising Activities and Concessions

Any fundraising requires administrative approval.

Any food items sold at the school site during the school day, defined as from midnight until a half-hour after the end of the instructional day, and intended for consumption there must meet the requirements of the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations, except for exempt fundraisers. The number of exempt fundraisers held annually may not exceed the number established by the Idaho State Department of Education unless special permission is granted by the State Department of Education.

Any fundraising activities that involve foods not intended for consumption in schools, such as the sale of cookie dough or frozen pizza outside of school shall be also be exempt. Other items exempt from competitive food standards include the following:

1. Sugar-free chewing gum;

Foods sold at exempt fundraisers may not be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during any meal service. To create a school environment that supports the promotion of healthy food and beverage choices for children, it is important to consider all venues where food and beverages are consumed or sold. The following recommendations are made to promote healthy choices for children related to fundraising activities supported by the Charter School:

1. Offer only non-food items that raise funds such as books, gift wrap, candles, plants, flowers, school promotional items, etc.; and
2. Whenever food and beverages are sold that raise funds for the school, through fundraisers exempted as outlined above, include at least some healthy food choices.

Organizations operating concessions at Charter School functions should include at least some healthy food choices in their offerings. It is recommended that groups market these healthy options at a lower profit margin to encourage selection by students. If these food and beverages are consumed on school grounds, during the school day, and are not exempt fundraisers, they must comply with the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations.

Charter School-Sponsored Events

Foods and beverages sold at school-sponsored events during the school day, from midnight until a half-hour after the end of the instructional day, and held on school grounds (such as, but not limited to, athletic events, dances, or performances) will meet the nutrition standards outlined in the Smart Snacks in Schools regulations, unless they are exempt fundraisers as described above. However, the Smart Snacks in Schools standards do not apply to items sold during non-school hours.

Cross Reference: 3420 Student Fund Raising Activities

Legal Reference: Smart Snacks in School Regulations by the United States Department of Agriculture

Other Reference: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/site/cnp/nslp/smartSnacks.htm>

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