Sparta Area School District

Article 720 – Vending Machine Sales

The board authorizes vending machine sales within the district and delegates the placement of vending machines in district facilities to school administration according to the following guidelines.

Vending machines in district facilities will only offer items that support district wellness goals. Vending machines at Sparta High School, Sparta High Point Charter School, and SAILS Charter School may be available to students and staff throughout the day, as directed by the school administrator.

Vending machines accessible for student use at Sparta Meadowview Schools will only be available after school hours. There will be no vending machines for student use at Cataract, Lawrence-Lawson, Southside, Maplewood, or Lakeview Montessori Schools, or the Sparta Charter Preschool. Vending machines in staff workrooms and break rooms will not be available for student use at anytime.

Foods and beverages sold in vending machines, school stores, and other school outlets that meet acceptable nutritional standards shall consist of the following:

- Bottled water
- Non-carbonated or sparkling water containing no calories or sugar, but may contain natural flavoring;
- Fat-free or low fat milk, including but not limited to chocolate milk, soy beverage, rice beverage and other similar dairy and nondairy beverages with up to 150 calories per eight ounces;
- One hundred percent fruit juices or fruit-based drinks that do not contain added sweeteners, up to 120 calories per eight ounces;
- An electrolyte replacement beverage that contains no more than 66 calories per eight ounces;
- Food items that have no more than 30% of their total calories derived from fat and no more than 10% of their calories derived from saturated fat. Nuts and seeds are exempt due to their nutrient density and levels of monounsaturated fat.

Candy and other food items of minimal nutritional value may not be sold in school vending machines or other outlets such as a school store. Candy is defined as any food product that has sugar (including brown sugar, corn sweetener, corn syrup, fructose, glucose [dextrose], high-fructose corn syrup, honey, invert sugar, lactose, maltose, molasses, raw sugar, table sugar [sucrose], or syrup) listed as one of the first two ingredients.

The district’s share of vending machine revenues will be managed by the district in accordance with relevant Board policies and administrative guidelines.
Legal Reference:

Cross Reference: Article 154 – Safeguarding of Cash
Article 518 – Fund Raising Activities
Article 710 – School Food Service

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