

**GREENE COUNTY SCHOOLS  
COMPETITIVE FOOD POLICY**

The Greene County School Nutrition Program and the Local School Board are very much concerned about providing students with the best possible nutrition at school. Proper nutrition is important for both physical and educational development. Nourishing meals assist children in making the most of their educational opportunities. Federal regulations prohibit the sale of individual food and beverage items in all grades during the school day that do not meet the minimum nutritional standards.

The Greene County School System will abide by the following regulations regarding the sale of competitive foods and foods with minimal nutritive value:

The cafeteria may sell components of the reimbursable meal and foods that meet state and federal guidelines as ala Carte items during the meal service period. Students will be encouraged to not purchase excessive amounts of snack items

The sale of food items meeting minimum nutritional standards is prohibited throughout the school grounds from 45 minutes before school starts until 30 minutes after the last lunch is served.

Beverages meeting the minimum nutritional standards may be sold until 45 minutes before the first lunch is served and may be sold 30 minutes after the last lunch is served.

No class fundraiser food/beverage items may be distributed from 45 minutes before school starts until 30 minutes after the last lunch is served.

Federal law limits such fundraiser food/beverage sales which do not meet the minimum nutritional value. Food/beverage sale fundraisers which do not meet the minimum nutritional value shall be limited to 30 per school year. Each day of sale for each activity shall count as one sale. For example, two clubs selling on one day count as two sales.

Foods of minimal nutritional value include soft drinks, water ices, chewing gum, and certain types of candies (hard candies, jellies, and gums, marshmallow candies, fondant, licorice, spun candy, and candy coated popcorn). A complete list of competitive food and beverage standards for all grade levels is attached and may be found at:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/allfoods\\_summarychart.pdf](http://www.fns.usda.gov/sites/default/files/allfoods_summarychart.pdf)

This policy prohibits foods entering the dining area of our school cafeterias such fast food items from competitive food providers. School Vending machines will be controlled to prevent competition to the school lunch program or encourage poor eating habits. This policy is effective on all school premises. Failure to comply with any program requirements can ultimately lead to the withholding of program reimbursement until such time as compliance is obtained.