

CODE: EFA

COMPETITIVE FOOD POLICY

Recognizing that children learn from observing adult behavior, as well as from the content of a formal curriculum, the Kittery School Committee is obliged to ensure that the educational environment is congruent with the health curriculum. Therefore, all food and beverages offered to students during school hours on school premises should be items which are nutritious and represent healthy food choices.

Competitive foods are any foods sold in competition to the School Lunch or Breakfast Program. Therefore, no food or drink may be sold during the school day in competition with the School's non-profit Food Service Program. If collected funds benefit other organizations within the school, under State of Maine Law, the organization must receive School Board approval for food items sold from the first bell in the morning to the last bell in the afternoon.

Further, no item sold may fall into the category of "minimal nutritional value." As listed in the federal regulations these include: soda water, water ices, chewing gum, hard candy, marshmallow candy, licorice, spun candy, jellies & gums, candy coated popcorn.

This does not apply to groups using school facilities before or after normal school hours.

The Committee requests that all school personnel encourage, promote, and model wise food and beverage choices.

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