



COMPETITIVE FOOD GUIDELINES

The positive effects of good nutrition on the well-being and longevity of human beings is well established. The link between nutritional status and positive school performance is increasingly evident. Fort Wayne Community Schools' comprehensive Strategic Plan focuses on the education, safety and student-centered environment necessary for optimum student life-long learning. To accomplish these strategies and to ensure the nutritional and financial integrity of the Nutrition Services Department, parameters regarding the kind of foods offered at various times during the school day are established.

During each school day, the school Nutrition Services program shall offer breakfast and lunch in accordance with the terms of agreement with the State of Indiana administering the federal program.

In addition, no foods will be sold in competition with the school food service program from midnight to 4:00 PM in the Elementary Schools, from midnight to 2:55 PM in the Middle Schools, and from midnight to 2:55 PM in the High Schools.

Foods offered (not sold) to students for celebration purposes should be offered as much as possible after lunch serving and eating times are concluded. Foods brought for the class by students, must be store purchased, indicative of being prepared in an establishment licensed by the Board of Health.

Receipts from vending machines, if operated during the school day, will accrue to the Nutrition Services program. Elementary school students shall not have access to food or beverages of minimal nutrition value (carbonated beverages, water ices, chewing gum, and certain hard candies) at any time.

Fundraising activities must be of short duration (no more than 5 days). Fundraising activity involving the sale of food products during school hours must be approved in writing by the Director of Nutrition Services and may not be conducted during breakfast or lunch time.

FWCS Cabinet has endorsed these parameters on behalf of the Board of School Trustees.