

POLICY

SOMERSET COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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1. PURPOSE

To establish a policy for the sale of competitive food and foods that the U.S.D.A. deems of minimal nutritional value.

2. GUIDELINES

A. The sale of the following categories of food is not authorized from the beginning of the school day until the end of the last lunch period:

- (1) Soda water or artificially flavored drinks that contain no pure juices.
- (2) Water ices except those that contain fruit or fruit juices.
- (3) Carbonated drinks.
- (4) Certain Candies - Processed foods made predominantly from sweeteners or artificial sweeteners with a variety of minor ingredients which characterize the following types:
 - (a) **Hard Candy** - A product made predominantly from sugar (sucrose) and corn syrup which may be flavored and colored, is characterized by a hard, brittle texture, and includes such items as sour balls, fruit balls, candy sticks, lollipops, starlight mints, after dinner mints, jaw breakers and cough drops.
 - (b) **Jellies and Gums** - A mixture of carbohydrates which are combined to form a stable gelatinous system of jelly-like character, and are generally flavored and colored, and include gum drops, jelly beans, jellied and fruit-flavored slices.
 - (c) **Marshmallow Candies** - An aerated confection composed of sugar, corn syrup, invert sugar, 20% water and gelatin or egg white to which flavors and colors may be added.
 - (d) **Fondant** - A product consisting of microscopic-sized sugar crystals which are separated by a thin film of sugar and/or invert sugar in solution such as candy corn, soft mints.

- (e) **Licorice** - A product made predominantly from sugar and corn syrup which is flavored with an extract made from the licorice root.
 - (f) **Spun Candy** - A product that is made from sugar that has been boiled at high temperature and spun at a high speed in a special machine.
 - (g) **Candy Coated Popcorn** - Popcorn which is coated with a mixture made predominantly from sugar and corn syrup.
- (5) Other foods as designated by U.S.D.A.
- B. The sale of any food item by student groups, PTA's or any other non-profit organization is prohibited until after the end of the last lunch period.
- C. In addition, the preparation, sale or delivery of food items by any profit making establishment and/or organization is not authorized during school hours. Any authorization after school hours must be obtained from the principal in writing.