

Food and Nutrition Services Department Compliance Guidelines

The Food and Nutrition Services Department is following the *Smart Snack Guidelines* designed and implemented by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). The Smart Snack Guidelines include changes in calories, sodium, fat, and sugar totals for both snacks and beverages served in schools. These guidelines also include school stores, fundraisers, vending machines, and A La Carte/Afterschool snacks.

School Stores:

- SLPS does allow school stores in each school (reference-St. Louis Board of Education Regulation: Business and Non-Instructional Operations Policy R3542.2.3) pertaining to competitive sales.
- **Only allowed to sell non-food items during the school day.**
- No food items will be sold during breakfast or lunch in competition with the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program.
- **Protocol:** All schools requesting additional information about school stores can submit a request to **Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Department.**

Fundraisers:

- Non- food item fundraisers are allowed during the school day.
- The standards only apply during school hours (*midnight the night before to 30 minutes after the school day ends*).
- **Protocol:** All schools requesting fundraisers will need to submit a written request to **Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Department.**

Vending Machines:

- Vending machines outside of the cafeteria in the secondary schools will be placed on timers and will not be operational during the breakfast and lunch periods.
- All beverages and snacks will follow the Smart Snack Guidelines in regards to calories, sodium, fat, and sugar totals.
- **Protocol:** All schools are required to use the Special Administrative Board approved vending company, **Dynamic Vending.**
- Schools requesting vending and snacks machines will need to submit a written request to **Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Department.**

A la Carte/ Afterschool Snacks

- A la Carte/After school snacks are reimbursable if they include two of the following: milk, fruit, vegetable, grain, meat/meal alternative.
- All beverages and snacks will follow the Smart Snack Guidelines in regards to calories, sodium, fat, and sugar totals.
- **Protocol:** Schools requesting afterschool snacks will need to submit a written request to **Althea Albert-Santiago, Director of Food and Nutrition Services Department.**