

Operational Services

Administrative Procedure - Food Services

This procedure applies only to schools that participate in the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act.

Food and Beverages Sold to Students in Grades 8 or Below

Food and beverages sold before school and during the regular school day must comply with both:

1. ISBE's School Food Service rule, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(a). However, this requirement does not apply to any food or beverages sold:
 - a. As part of reimbursable meal or to food sold within the food service areas during meal periods, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(b), or
 - b. To a student who presents written recommendation for the food or beverage signed by a physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(c).
2. The federal rules implementing the National School Lunch Act and Child Nutrition Act, 7 C.F.R. Part 210.

If a school serves students in both grades 8 and below and students in grades 9 and above, the school must ensure that food and beverages sold to students in grades 8 and below meet the requirements of 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(d).

Competitive Foods

“Competitive foods” are those foods or beverages sold in competition with the school’s food service. The sale of competitive foods is restricted as follows:

1. Competitive foods that are identified in 7 C.F.R. §210.11 as having “minimal nutritional value” may not be sold in the food service area during meal periods.
2. No confections, candy, or potato chips may be sold during meal periods in a school in which grade 5 or below operate, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(f).
3. Competitive foods, other than those of minimal nutritional value, may be sold to students in the food service areas during meal periods only if the income they generate accrues to the nonprofit school lunch program account, 23 Ill.Admin.Code §305.15(e).

LEGAL REF.: 42 U.S.C. §1779, 7 C.F.R. §210.11.
23 Ill.Admin.Code Part 305, Food Program.