

COMPETITIVE FOODS RELATING TO FOOD SERVICE

The Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regulations prohibit the sale of carbonated beverages and other categories of foods of minimal nutritional value (as listed in Appendix B of the lunch and breakfast regulations) in the school food service areas during the service of program meals. The USDA's further defines food service areas as areas on school premises where program meals are either served or eaten and prohibits the sale of minimal nutritional value foods in areas that meets this definition. These minimal nutritional value foods include carbonated beverages, chewing gum, fruit chews, Skittles, mint chews, and other similar foods. Individual principals may further limit such sales to times other than the food service times. This would be especially appropriate for schools that have younger students (K-5).