

Cooperative Carts Used for Fundraisers

The district’s Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) created the Cooperative Carts to allow school based organizations the opportunity to fundraise during the meal periods. In this way the fundraising meets the USDA standards which do not allow competitive sales with the reimbursable meals program, unless directed by FNS. The food carts are equipped with hot and cold holding storage and serve about 50 meals. When applying for the cart the students are trained in food safety and sanitation and are audited to ensure standards are met. The highest amount earned is at Apopka HS at \$10,273 at the end of December. These three carts operate through all three lunch shifts each school day and go to the school and athletics department.

The school organizations can select up to five items to sell on the Cooperative Cart. They can select from sandwiches both hot and cold, wraps, salads, chips, and a treat such as a small brownie or cookie. All items meet the OCPS Eat Smart Nutrition Standards. The FNS program sets the prices to cover the food and labor costs incurred in FNS and assign the organization an upcharge for the sale to students. This ensures prices for these snacks are not lower than the reimbursable meal. USDA regulations require the FNS program to price snacks so that the reimbursable meals are always the better value which encourages participation.

Cooperative Carts for Fundraisers during Lunch August - December FY15		
School	\$ Earned	Comments
Apopka HS	\$10,273	3 carts at 3 lunch shifts; 1 inside cafeteria, 2 outside in courtyard
Cypress Creek HS	\$1,088	1 cart, 2 lunch shifts; courtyard
Edgewater HS	\$213	1 cart; inside cafeteria
Freedom HS	\$3,166	1 cart; courtyard
Ocoee HS	\$1,017	2 carts, 2 lunch shifts; courtyard
University HS	\$2,125	2 carts; 2 lunch shifts; courtyard
Wekiva HS	\$2,246	1 cart; 2 lunch shifts; courtyard
West Orange HS	\$5,451	3 carts; 2 lunch shifts; courtyard
Winter Park HS	\$310	no carts now