

## Discuss advantages and disadvantages of having vending machines in the schools

Allowing vending machines in school is the topic of many debates. While they provide a variety of treats, beverages and other item to the students; it is a source of revenue for the school. Many argue that the drawbacks outweigh the advantages of having vending machines in schools. Schools vending machine served many food items that are readily accessible to the students. However the majority of food sold in vending machine is considered junk food and can adversely affect the health of the children. It can clearly be demonstrated that vending machines in schools have advantages; these machines still have a lot of shortcomings that cannot be overlooked or discarded.

2 - Vending machines provide easy access to quick snacks or drink for the students. The accessibility to food help students keeps up their energy throughout the day. Some children may not like the school lunch or forget their lunch at home. The vending machine gives them the possibility to nourish their body. Schools can choose to provide healthy snack to the students and pack the vending machine nutritious options, forcing the students to make healthier choices. In other word school authorities can gear the students toward healthy choices using the vending machines. A vending machine does not only have to dispense food item, it can be used for other purposes. Like offering the students a variety of commodity or items they cannot do without and need to have while on school campus at an affordable price. It also can offer students options to pay school's obligations, provide stationery items needed by the students. The revenue from the machines can help in many areas of the school, field trips, sport equipment, library books, and positives rewards for the students.

3 — The utility of vending machines at school can hardly be rejected. But we cannot dismissed or ignore the flaws of having vending machines on school campus. One of the major issues with having vending machines in schools is that they are the primary source of unhealthy food to the students. Vending machines mostly provide junk food and beverages with high calorie and high amount of sugar. In other words the junk food will affect the student health. This type of food may also contribute to tooth decay in young children. With one out of 4 children affected by obesity in the country it is necessary to educate the children on the ill effects of consuming junk food. Vending machines in school is a source a revenue, consequently, the school authority and the company running the vending machines can be more focus on making money than encouraging or providing healthy food choices to the students. As such offer may reduce their profit from the vending machines sale.

45 - As we can see vending machines in schools present many disadvantages, they are manageable. If vending machine can be filed with healthy food, juice and water; a common effort from every section of society is needed to guide the young children in making the right choice. The vending machine can after all serve its purpose of providing essential items and nutritious snacks.

- Introductory paragraph: Overall, your introductory paragraph is strong. The goal of this paragraph is to simply present both sides of the argument to the reader. Essentially, you are saying, "This is a ~~difficult~~ complicated, divisive issue. These are the two sides; now, let's take a look at each side in greater detail." ~~Because the prompt is asking you to discuss advantages and disadvantages, this is not an argumentative essay, so don't choose one side over the other. It is especially important to remain neutral in your introduction and closing paragraphs.~~

1- This is a solid thesis statement, which should guide the essay. It tells the reader that there are positives and negatives without taking a side.

- Body Paragraph 1 - Advantages: While the whole essay should come across as being neutral, each ~~par~~ individual paragraph should argue one side exclusively. This paragraph does that. Be sure to have your

points well organized. If you begin by talking about accessibility to food, be sure to address everything related to that before moving on. You do not want to begin writing about food, then move to additional revenue, then go back to food. The organization here is not bad at all, but always remember to focus on one issue at a time, allowing you to progress from one idea to the next logically.

2 - The big problem with this paragraph is that there is no clearly defined main idea sentence. You jump right to your advantages without telling the reader what this paragraph/section of the essay is about.

Be sure to tell the reader what they will be reading in this ~~para~~ paragraph.

ie - "Many of the advantages of having vending machines in schools are quite obvious. One such advantage is..."

3- This sentence may be ~~more~~ <sup>better</sup> suited as a conclusion to your advantages paragraph. Because it is still addressing the utility of vending machines in schools, having it at the beginning of your disadvantages paragraph may seem confusing. Instead, try sticking this sentence at the end of your advantages: "Clearly, the utility ~~of~~ of having vending machines in schools should not be rejected."

• ~~Body paragraph 2~~

- Body paragraph 2 - Disadvantages: See the general notes for B.P. 1.

4- This is a strong main idea. The only reason that I would change it at all would be because we moved that first sentence to the previous paragraph. Instead, try something like, "While there may be some compelling reasons to have vending machines in schools, it would be

foolish to simply dismiss or ignore the many disadvantages." This helps transition from ~~the~~ advantages to disadvantages, while clearly telling the reader that you will be addressing the disadvantages in this paragraph.

- Conclusion: As previously mentioned, the conclusion should remain neutral. The job of the conclusion paragraph in an essay like this is simply to say, "As you can see, there are compelling arguments to be made for each side of this issue. Before coming to a conclusion, we must carefully consider all of the facts."

5- Whether or not you meant to, this conclusion seems to support having vending machines in schools. Because it is not an argumentative essay, the intro and conclusion should just present the facts/recap the issue.