

## Appendix 3: Examples of Water Dispensers for Schools

Water Dispenser	Type	Price <sup>a</sup>	Considerations
	Portable Water Dispenser	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential weight concern for staff refilling container in the sink.</li> <li>• Requires room for storage.</li> <li>• Account for expenses to provide cups.</li> <li>• Requires access to commercial dishwasher or other way to sanitize.</li> </ul>
	Water Dispenser	\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will require staff to refill container.</li> <li>• Potential storage concern.</li> <li>• Need committed nutrition services staff.</li> <li>• Account for expenses to provide cups.</li> </ul>
	Water Cooler	\$/month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly fee for leasing machine.</li> <li>• Option for filtered water, which may alleviate students' perceptions about public water sources.</li> <li>• Station needs to be placed near existing water source and electric outlet for cold water.</li> <li>• May need to disable the hot water spout.</li> <li>• Easy to install.</li> <li>• Account for expenses to provide cups.</li> </ul>
	Bottle Filler	\$\$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Station needs to be placed near existing water source.</li> <li>• Filtered water.</li> <li>• Ideal for school cafeterias that are undergoing construction because it will make installation easier and be cost effective.</li> <li>• Sleek-looking and may alleviate students' perception that public water sources are unsafe.</li> <li>• Some models display how many bottles are saved from waste.</li> <li>• Account for expenses to provide cups if students do not have refillable water bottles.</li> </ul>
	Water Fountain with Bottle Filler	\$\$\$-\$\$\$\$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be placed near existing water source.</li> <li>• Filtered water.</li> <li>• Ideal for school cafeterias undergoing construction because it will make installation easier.</li> <li>• Sleek-looking and may alleviate students' perception that public water sources are unsafe.</li> <li>• Some models display how many bottles are saved from waste.</li> </ul>

<sup>a</sup>Price Key (per unit): \$ = \$1–\$99; \$\$ = \$100–\$499; \$\$\$ = \$500–\$999; \$\$\$\$ = \$1,000–\$5,000.

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