

## **Offer vs. Serve**

Offer vs. Serve The regulation, which allows students to choose less than all of the food items within the lunch pattern, is known as the “Offer versus Serve Provision”. All schools in the Brookhaven School District implement “offer vs. serve”. All five food items of the school lunch must be offered and students must choose at least three of these items and ONE of the three must be a fruit or vegetable for their lunch to be reimbursable. The mandate allows students to refuse two of the five menu items they do not intend to eat, thus reducing plate waste. The choice of three or four items does not relieve the non-needy child from paying full price of the meal. The “offer vs. serve” provision applies also in the school breakfast program. All four food items of the school breakfast must be offered and students must choose three food items and ONE of the three MUST be a fruit or fruit juice for breakfast to be reimbursable. All food is served attractively to entice the students to choose all food items in both the lunch and breakfast program.