

Offer vs Serve Policy for lunch

A school lunch eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer 5 food components (milk, fruit, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternatives). Students are allowed to decline 2 of the 5 required food components, but must select at least ½ cup of either a fruit (or fruit combination) or a vegetable (or vegetable combination) or ½ cup fruit/vegetable combination. After selecting the ½ cup fruit or vegetable requirement, students must select at least 2 additional full components in the full amounts to count toward the reimbursable offer versus serve meal. The student's decision to accept all 5 components or to decline 2 components shall not affect the price charged for the meal. The lunch is priced as a unit. Offer versus serve is the policy in all school cafeterias.

An exception to this policy will be the offsite Preschool Program and the School for the Deaf. In addition, bag lunches for special occasions will be exempted.

Offer vs Serve Policy for breakfast

A school breakfast eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer 3 food components (milk, fruit, grains) that consists of a minimum of 4 food items. Students are allowed to decline 1 food item, but must select at least ½ cup of fruit (or fruit combination). After meeting the ½ cup fruit requirement, students must select the other food components in the full amounts to count toward the reimbursable offer versus serve meal. The student's decision to accept all 4 components or to decline 1 item shall not affect the price charged for the meal. The breakfast is priced as a unit. Offer versus serve is the policy in all school cafeterias.

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