



GREENWICH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Breakfast Offer versus Serve Policy

Name of Local Education Agency (LEA): Greenwich Township School District

Implementation Date: September, 2016

Offer versus serve (OVS) is a policy for reimbursable meals that allows students to decline a certain number of food components in the meal in order to reduce plate waste and food cost.

A school breakfast eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer four (4) **food items** from the three (3) **food components** in the appropriate amounts per grade grouping:

1. Fruit (Including optional vegetables)
2. Grains (Including optional meat/meat alternate)
3. Milk

Students are allowed to decline one (1) of the four (4) *items* offered, but **must select** at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruit (or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of vegetables) or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of a fruit/vegetable combination.

After taking the required $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit, students must select at least two (2) additional food items in the full amounts (per grade group requirements) to count toward the reimbursable offer versus serve meal.

The student's decision to accept all four (4) *food items* or to decline one (1) food item shall not affect the price charged for the meal. The breakfast is priced as a unit. If students do not choose enough food items to comprise a reimbursable meal, a la carte prices will be charged.

School staff cannot require a student to take a particular food component (except the required $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit). It is the student's choice to select three or all four food items.

Prepackaged meals such as bagged or "grab and go" meals are allowed under OVS. School staff is encouraged to offer some food components/food items with choices (e.g. fruit basket) and/or the option to decline an item, such as milk.

At each school implementing the Offer versus Serve Policy:

- School food service staff will be trained annually.
- Signs will be posted to assist students in identifying a reimbursable meal under OVS

Select one:

Offer versus Serve will be implemented at the following schools: Greenwich Township Schools

OR

Offer versus Serve will be implemented in all schools.

Offer versus Serve for Breakfast

Select 3 or 4 Items from the 3 components

Component 1

Fruit (and optional vegetables)



Component 2

Milk



Component 3

Grains
(and optional meat/meat alternate)



Choose at least 3 items including:

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of fruit or vegetable

For best nutrition, choose all 4 items

Note: Some grain components are more than 1 item





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Lunch Offer versus Serve Policy

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Implementation Date: September, 2016

Offer versus serve (OVS) is a policy for reimbursable meals that allows students to decline a certain number of food components in the meal in order to reduce plate waste and food cost.

A school lunch eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer five (5) **food components** in the appropriate amounts per grade grouping:

1. Fruit
2. Vegetable
3. Grains
4. Meat/Meat Alternate
5. Milk

Students are allowed to decline two (2) of the five (5) required food components, but **must select** at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of either fruit (or fruit combination) or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of vegetables (or vegetable combination) or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of a fruit/vegetable combination.

After taking the required $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit or vegetable, students must select at least two (2) additional components in the full amounts (per grade group requirements) to count toward the reimbursable offer versus serve meal.

The student's decision to accept all five (5) components or to decline two (2) components shall not affect the price charged for the meal. The lunch is priced as a unit. If students do not choose enough food items to comprise a reimbursable meal, a la carte prices will be charged.

School staff cannot require a student to take a particular food component (except the required $\frac{1}{2}$ cup fruit or vegetable). It is the student's choice to select three, four or all five food items.

Prepackaged meals such as bagged or "grab and go" meals are allowed under OVS. School staff is encouraged to offer some food components/food items with choices (e.g. fruit basket) and/or the option to decline component/item, such as milk.

At each school implementing the Offer versus Serve Policy:

- School food service staff will be trained annually.
- Signs will be posted to assist students in identifying a reimbursable meal under OVS

Select one:

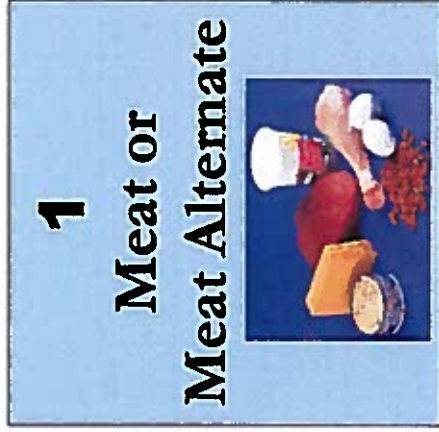
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OR

Offer versus Serve will be implemented in all schools.

Offer versus Serve

The 5 Meal Components for School Lunch



You must choose at least 3 including:

- **1/2 cup of fruit or vegetable**
- **At least two other full components**

For best nutrition, choose all 5!

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