

Deptford Township School District

Lunch Offer versus Serve Policy

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

Implementation Date: September 8 2015

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:

- Fruit,
- Vegetable,
- Milk,
- Grain and
- Meat/Meat Alternate.

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 a $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of vegetable (or vegetable combination) or $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of a fruit /vegetable combination.

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

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

School staff cannot make exceptions to the policy, such as requiring every child to take a particular food component. It is the student's choice to select any three, four or all five components of the reimbursable meal.

At each school implementing the Offer versus Serve Policy, school food service staff will be trained annually.

Offer versus Serve will be implemented at the following schools: (List all Schools that will implement OVS)

Deptford Township High School

Monongahela Middle School

Lake Tract Elementary School

Good Intent Elementary School

Oak Valley Elementary School

New Sharon School

Deptford Township School District

Breakfast Offer versus Serve Policy

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

Implementation Date: 9/8/2015

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:

- Fruit or vegetable or juice,
- Milk,
- Grains (Including optional meat/meat alternate)

Students are allowed to decline one (1) of the four (4) *items* offered.

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 children do not choose enough food items to comprise a reimbursable meal, a la carte prices will be charged.

School staff cannot make exceptions to the policy, such as requiring every child to take a particular food component. It is the student's choice to select any three or all four food items of the reimbursable meal.

At each school implementing the Offer versus Serve Policy, school food service staff will be trained annually.

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