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Hermon School Department

“Offer vs. Serve”

Offer vs. Serve is a serving method designed to reduce food waste and food costs in the National School Lunch Program without jeopardizing the nutritional integrity of the program.

Under Offer vs. Serve, the following conditions must be met for the lunch to be reimbursable.

- a. All five food items of the meal pattern must be available (offered) to all students.
- b. The quantities of each food item must be consistent with the minimum quantities specified by regulations.
- c. Students of schools participating in Offer vs. Serve must take three different food components from the five food items offered. One-half cup must be fruit or vegetable.
- d. Regardless of the items selected, the established selling price of the complete lunch must be charged to paying students.