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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 plant 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
- Meat/Meat Alternate

Students are allowed to decline two (2) of the five (5) required food components, but MUST SELECT at least ½ cup of either fruit or ½ cup of vegetable or ½ cup of a fruit/vegetable combination.

After selecting the ½ 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 towards the reimbursable offer versus serve meal.

The student's decision to accept all five (5) components or to decline two (2) food components shall not affect the price charged for the meal. The lunch is a 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.

Mission Statement: *Lebanon Borough School District is committed to facilitate the development of each child to his or her greatest potential. Recognizing individual differences among pupils and encouraging achievement is a cornerstone of the school district. Addressing not only basic skills that students need, but requiring them to think independently and critically is an essential purpose of the school district. The Lebanon Borough School District emphasizes the enhancement of student learning with the delivery of instruction through curriculum and programs that align with the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards and reflects the ten New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers. The Lebanon Borough School strives to provide each child with the ability and tools to achieve excellence.*
