

# Coffee County School District

## Offer vs. Serve Policy

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**National School Lunch Program:** A school lunch eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer 5 food components (milk, fruits, vegetables, grains, meat/meat alternates) in the appropriate amounts per grade groupings. 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 (per age/grade grouping required 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.

**School Breakfast Program:** A school breakfast eligible for federal reimbursement shall offer 4 required food items: one serving of Milk; one serving of Vegetable, Fruit or Juice; and two servings of Meat/Meat Alternate **OR** two servings of Bread/Grain **OR** one serving of Meat/Meat Alternate and one serving of Bread/Grain. Serving sizes must be at least equal to the minimum required quantities by age or grade group. All students are allowed to decline one of the four food items at breakfast. All students receiving a reimbursable breakfast meal will be charged the same price whether they have three or four food items.

\*Pre-Kindergarten classes will receive pre-plated breakfast and lunch trays at Hickerson Elementary, East Coffee Elementary, North Coffee Elementary, New Union Elementary, Deerfield Elementary and Hillsboro Elementary.

\*Students with pre-plated lunch trays will receive all five items offered on the lunch menu and all four items offered on the breakfast menu.

\*Offer vs. Serve will **not** be in effect on field trips, field days or for meals served to the Alternative School and In-School Detention students. These meals will be pre-packaged.

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