

Offer vs. Serve (OVS) Reimbursable Meals Procedure

Food Service - Barnum Public Schools ISD 91

Purpose:

To assure the students, parents and staff of Barnum Public Schools are informed of the Offer versus Serve (OVS) provision and that it is implemented correctly.

General:

1. It is the responsibility of the building principals, teachers, office staff and food service staff to assure that students are encouraged to make healthy food choices and that established procedures are followed.
2. Barnum Public Schools extends OVS to all grade levels.
 - Lunch: **students must take at least 3 different items** from 5+ offered components, and one selection must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of a fruit and/or vegetable. The lunch components are: meats/meat alternates; grains; fruit; vegetables; and fluid milk.
 - Breakfast: **students must take at least 3 different items** from 4+ offered components, and one selection must be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of a fruit and/or vegetable. The breakfast components are: grains (with optional meats/meat alternates allowed); juice/fruit/vegetable; and milk.
3. Food service staff assure that information about OVS is provided to students, parents and staff.
4. The District Office is responsible for assuring that responsible staff is trained to identify reimbursable meals and appropriate actions to take if a student does not select a reimbursable meal.

Serving Reimbursable Meals:

1. The food service staff is responsible for displaying the menu each day.
2. The food service staff and cashiers encourage students to make healthy food choices and to select at least three (3) of the five (5) reimbursable items at lunch and at least three (3) of the four (4) reimbursable items at breakfast.

3. The cashier (Point of Service located at end of line) identifies the student, determines if the student has selected a reimbursable meal and supervises the student's entering of their Personal Identification Number (PIN).
4. If the student has not selected a reimbursable meal, the Cashier asks the student to return to the serving line and select additional items.
5. If the student refuses to select a reimbursable meal, he/she is charged according to the items taken and must pay for the items with cash. The student does not receive meal benefits for that meal (if a qualifying student), and the meal is not claimed for reimbursement from the State and Federal government.