

Offer vs. Serve

(Lunch Only)

Basics:

- Offer vs. Serve is not a style of serving or offering such as the students serving themselves or the way food is offered; a school is either implementing Offer vs. Serve or not implementing Offer vs. Serve.
- Offer vs. Serve gives students the ability to decline up to two components and still credit the meal as reimbursable.*
 - *Students must take at least ½ cup of fruit, vegetable, or a combination of both to be a reimbursable meal.
- For RCCIs, optional for all grades K-12.
- A reimbursable meal can have 3, 4, or 5 components.
- Must take the minimum requirement of any of the components to count toward a reimbursable meal.

Is This Reimbursable?

Decide if the following menu items on a student's tray create a reimbursable meal.

1. Sandwich (2 oz. eq. grains and 2 oz. eq. meat) and Milk (8 oz.)
2. Sandwich (2 oz. eq. grains and 2 oz. eq. meat) and ½ cup Peaches
3. Spaghetti (2 oz. eq. grains), Breadstick (1 oz. eq. grains), and 1 cup Green Beans
4. Spaghetti (2 oz. eq. grains) and Meat Sauce (2 oz. eq. meat and ½ cup vegetable)
5. Milk (8 oz.), ½ cup Sweet Potato Fries, 1 cup Apple Slices
6. Breadstick (2 oz. eq. grains), ½ cup Lettuce, Milk (8 oz.)
7. Crackers (1 oz. eq. grains), Peanut Butter (1 oz. eq. meat/meat alternative), 1 cup Applesauce, 1 cup Corn
8. Sandwich (2 oz. eq. grains and 2 oz. eq. meat), ¼ cup Strawberries, ¼ cup Refried Beans

Resources:

Offer vs. Serve (use these resources to train foodservice staff how to identify a reimbursable meal)

<http://www.doe.in.gov/student-services/nutrition/snp-new-meal-pattern>.

Is This Reimbursable? Answers:

1. No, missing ½ cup fruit and/or vegetable 2. Yes 3. No, only two components- grains and vegetable, needs one more component 4. Yes 5. Yes
6. No, lettuce credits as ¼ cup of vegetable, needs ¼ cup more fruit and/or vegetable 7. Yes and No, this works for grades K-5 and 6-8 but there are not enough grains or meat/meat alternative for grades 9-12 8. Yes