

MENU DEVELOPMENT/OPTIONS

OFFER VS. SERVE LUNCH CONCEPT

The "Offer vs. Serve Option" provides that all lunches offered must contain five food items, but students have the freedom of choice in selecting the three, four or five items they intend to consume. They may refuse up to two items. This option is designed to be more economical for the school unit and result in less waste.

The same shall apply to the breakfast program. Four (4) items are offered and students may refuse one (1) under the "Offer vs. Serve Option".

All senior high schools must be under this provision. Junior high, middle and elementary schools may participate if approved by the local school board and notification is sent to the Maine Department of Education, School Nutrition Programs Division.

The Offer vs. Serve concept shall be implemented for this school system. The superintendent shall oversee the development of regulations and communications as appropriate to implement this option.

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