

**MENU DEVELOPMENT/OPTIONS  
OFFER VS. SERVE LUNCH CONCEPT**

The “Offer vs. Serve Option” is designed to be more economical for the Ellsworth School Department (ESD) and result in less waste. 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. All breakfasts offered must contain four food items, but students have the freedom to refuse one food item.

The Offer vs. Serve concept shall be implemented in the ESD. The Superintendent/designee shall be responsible for implementing appropriate administrative procedures and communications to carry out this policy in conformance with state and federal regulations and applicable Ellsworth School Committee policies.

All students may participate, whether they are eligible for free, reduced price or paid meals. There will be no reduction in price if a student does not select all items.

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