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"OFFER VERSUS SERVE" POLICY

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The "Offer versus Serve" provision is the federal regulation which allows senior high school students and, when approved by the local school food authority, students in any other grade to choose fewer than all of the food items within the lunch pattern. The regulation requires that students be offered all five food items for lunch. Students must choose at least three of these items for their lunch to be reimbursable. Declining one or two items does not relieve non-needy students from paying the full price for the school lunch or further reduce the charge paid by students determined eligible for reduced-price lunches.

The implementation of the "Offer versus Serve" provision in schools below the senior high level is left to the discretion of local school food authorities. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the Jackson County School District that the "Offer versus Serve" provision be implemented for students enrolled in grades K - 12 at all schools.

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