

Offer vs Serve



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WHAT IS OFFER VERSUS SERVE (OVS)?

- a. An alternative way to start a tennis match?
- b. A food service style where students serve themselves?
- c. A new way to offer more food choices on school menus?
- d. A system designed to decrease food waste and give students greater flexibility?



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- d. Is the correct answer...a system designed to decrease food waste and give students greater flexibility.



WHAT IS OFFER VERSUS SERVE?

- Offer versus Serve (or OVS) is a concept that applies to Child Nutrition menu planning and to the determination of reimbursable school meals. OVS allows students to decline some of the food offered in a school lunch or breakfast.

VIDEO



Who, When, and Where?

- OVS is:
 - Required at senior high schools
 - Optional at lower grade levels
 - Optional at breakfast in all grades
- Who decides?
 - School Food Authority decides:
 - Whether to implement OVS when optional and in what grades
 - Whether students below high school can decline 1 or 2 food items at lunch
- Students decide what foods to decline



Reimbursable Lunches Recap

General requirements for OVS at lunch are:

- **Schools must offer at least the minimum serving sizes of all 5 food items.**
- **Students must select the minimum number of items required (at least 3 of 5 for senior high school; 3 or 4 of 5 for lower grades).**
- **Must take full servings to count toward a reimbursable meal.**
- **May decline any food item, including the entrée or milk.**
- **May take smaller portions of declined food items (does not affect price).**
- **Lunch must be priced as a unit.**



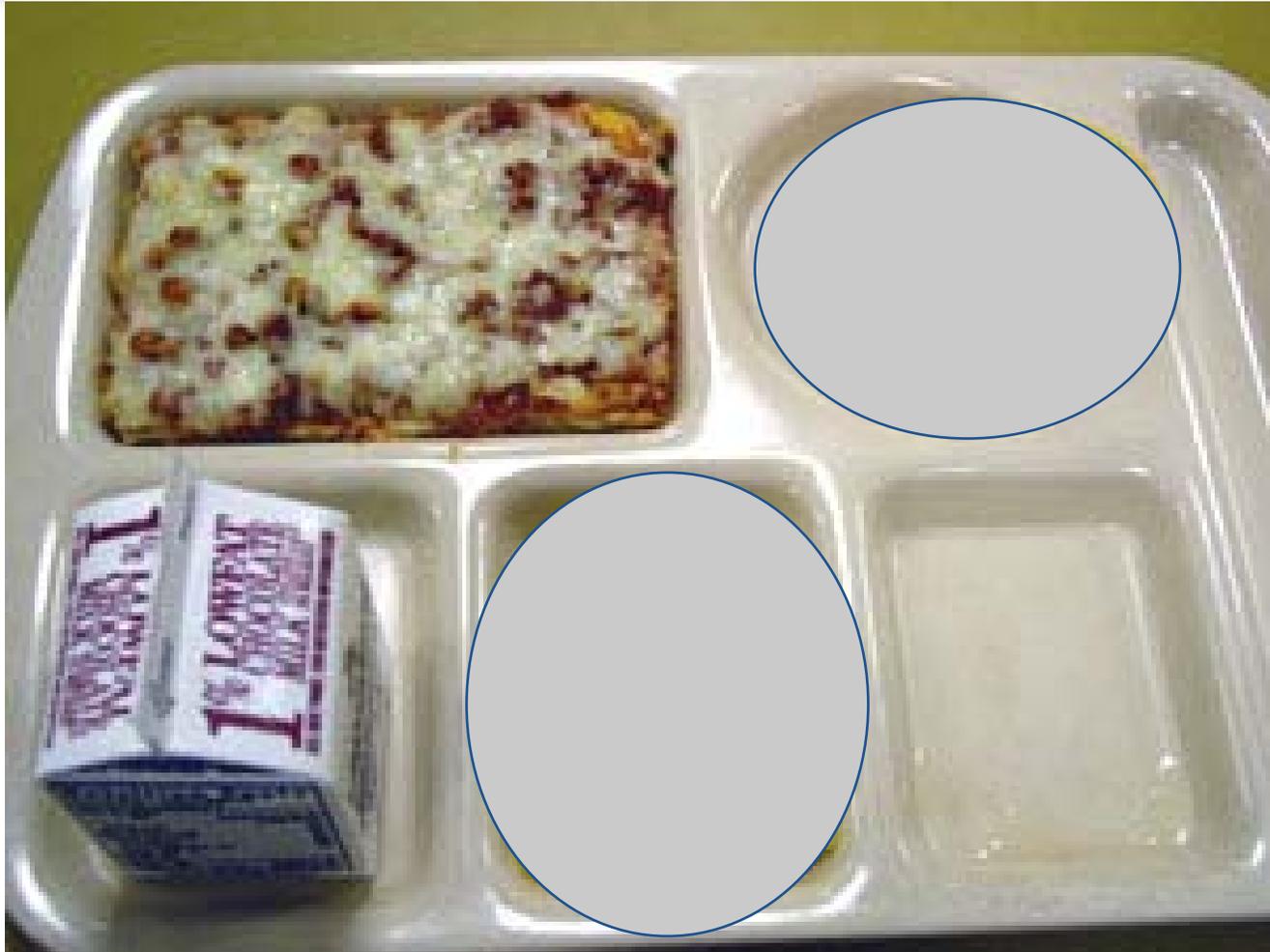
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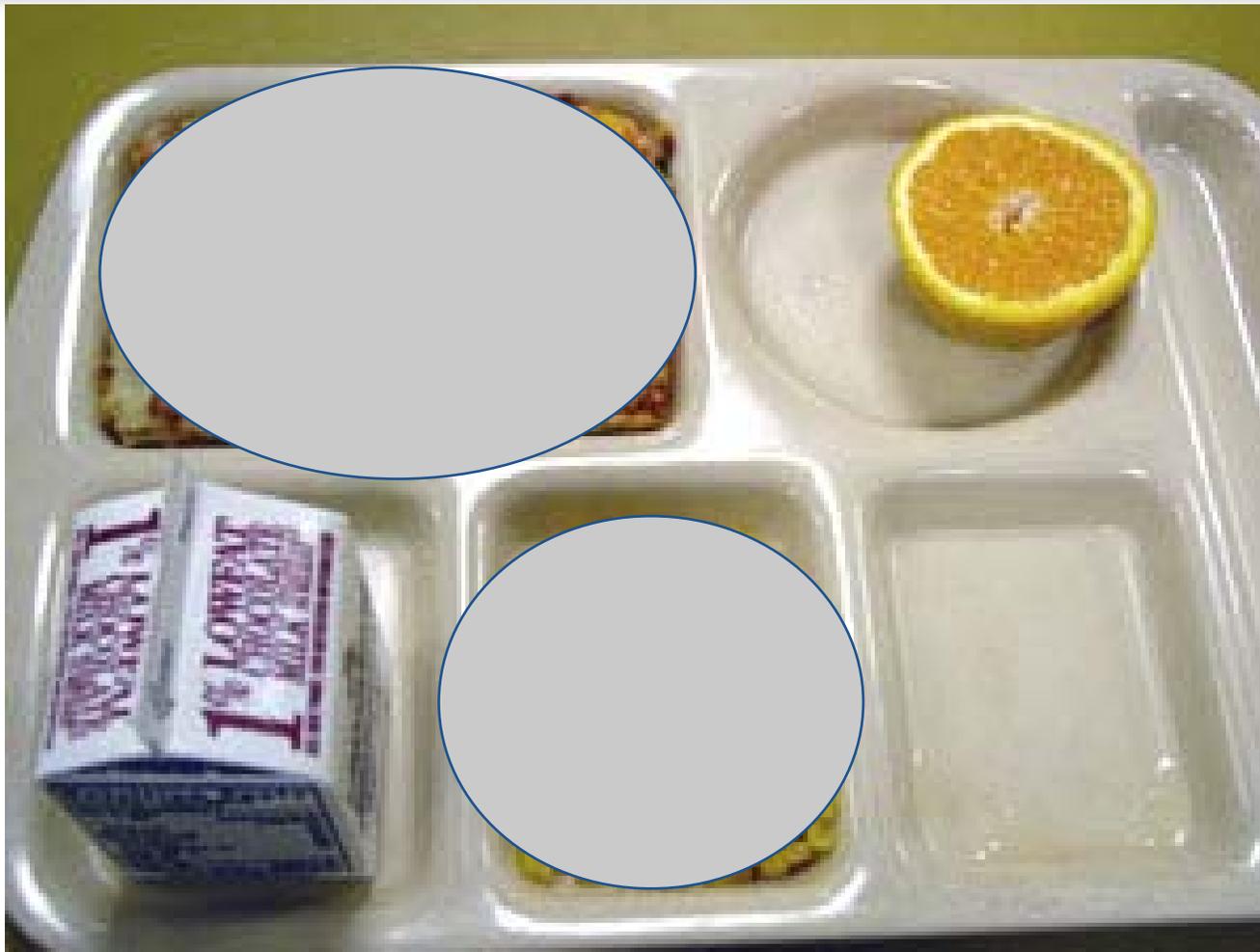
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- If a student chooses not to select at least three of the food components, then the lunch is not reimbursable and the student must pay according to a la carte pricing.
- Every effort should be made at the point of service to encourage the student to take an additional component.
- Staff counting and claiming lunch and breakfast must be trained to recognize meal components to include those in combination foods.

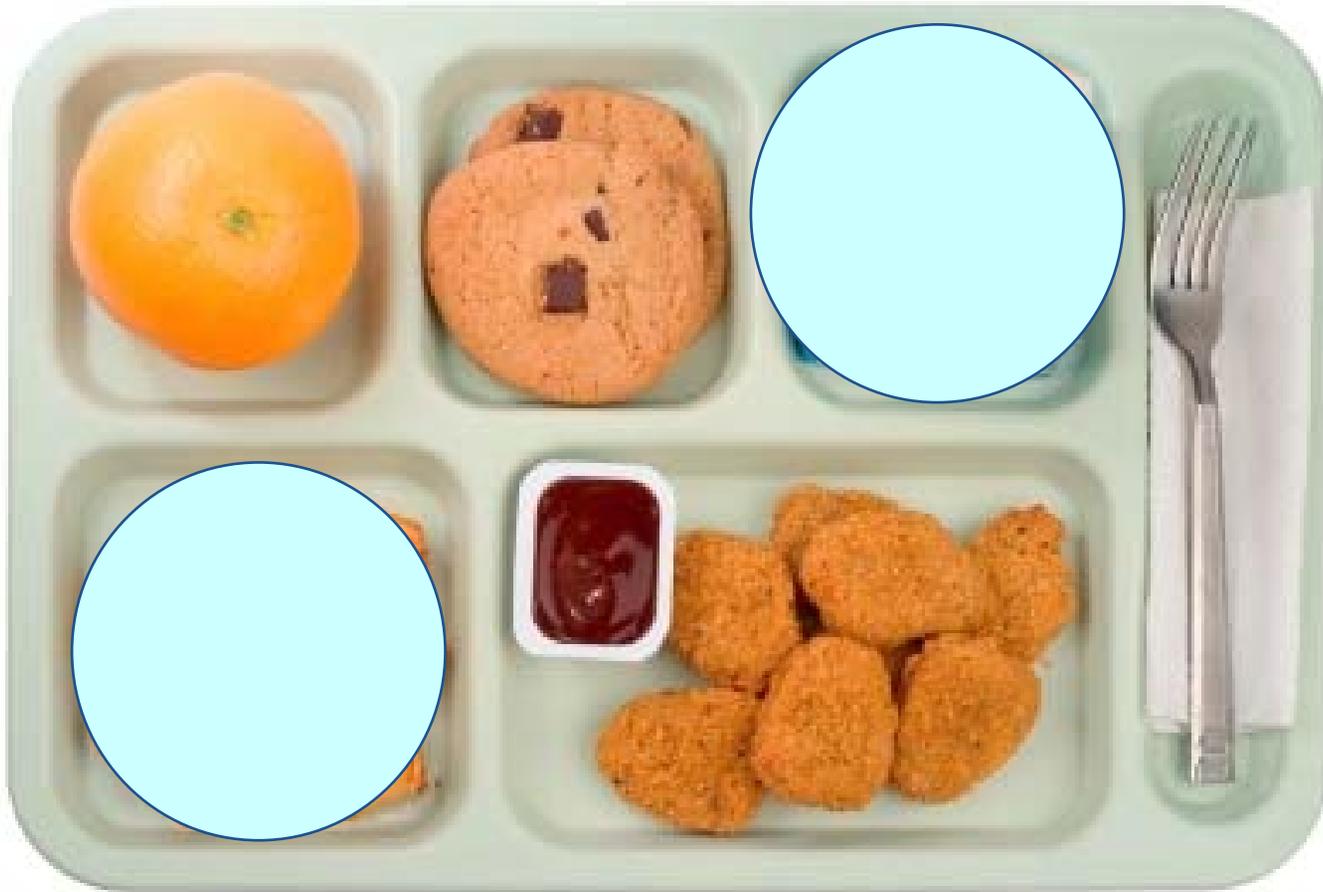


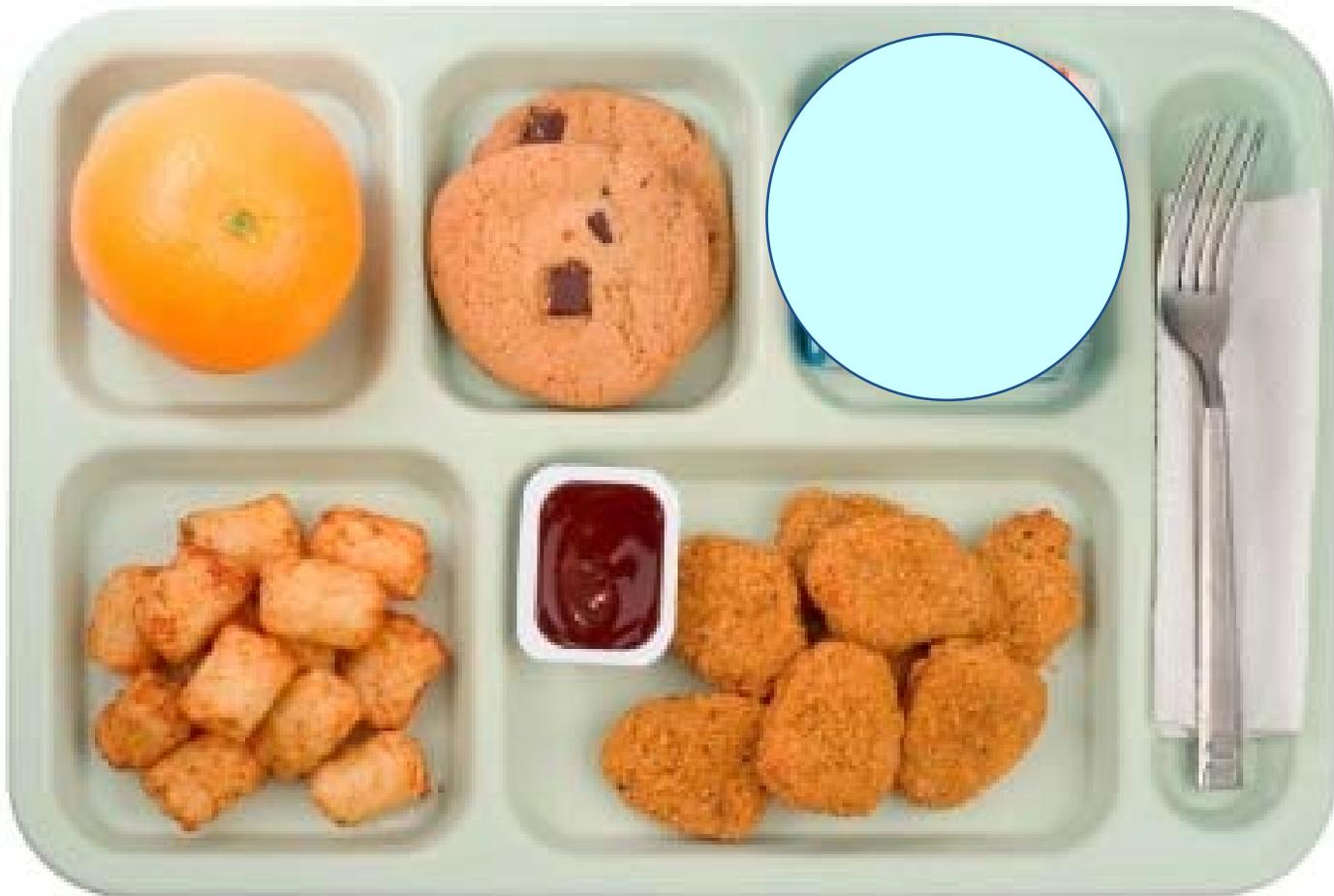


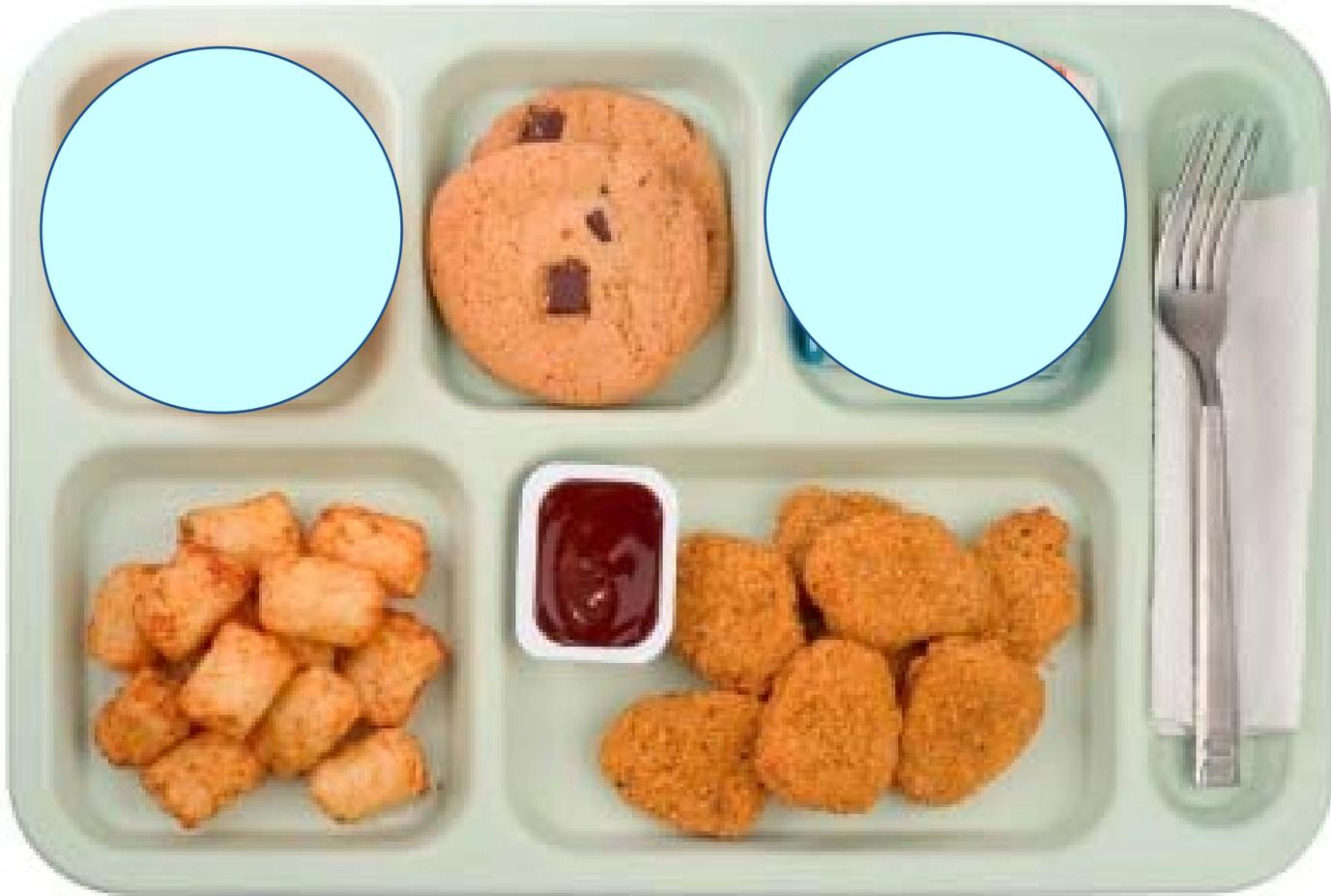


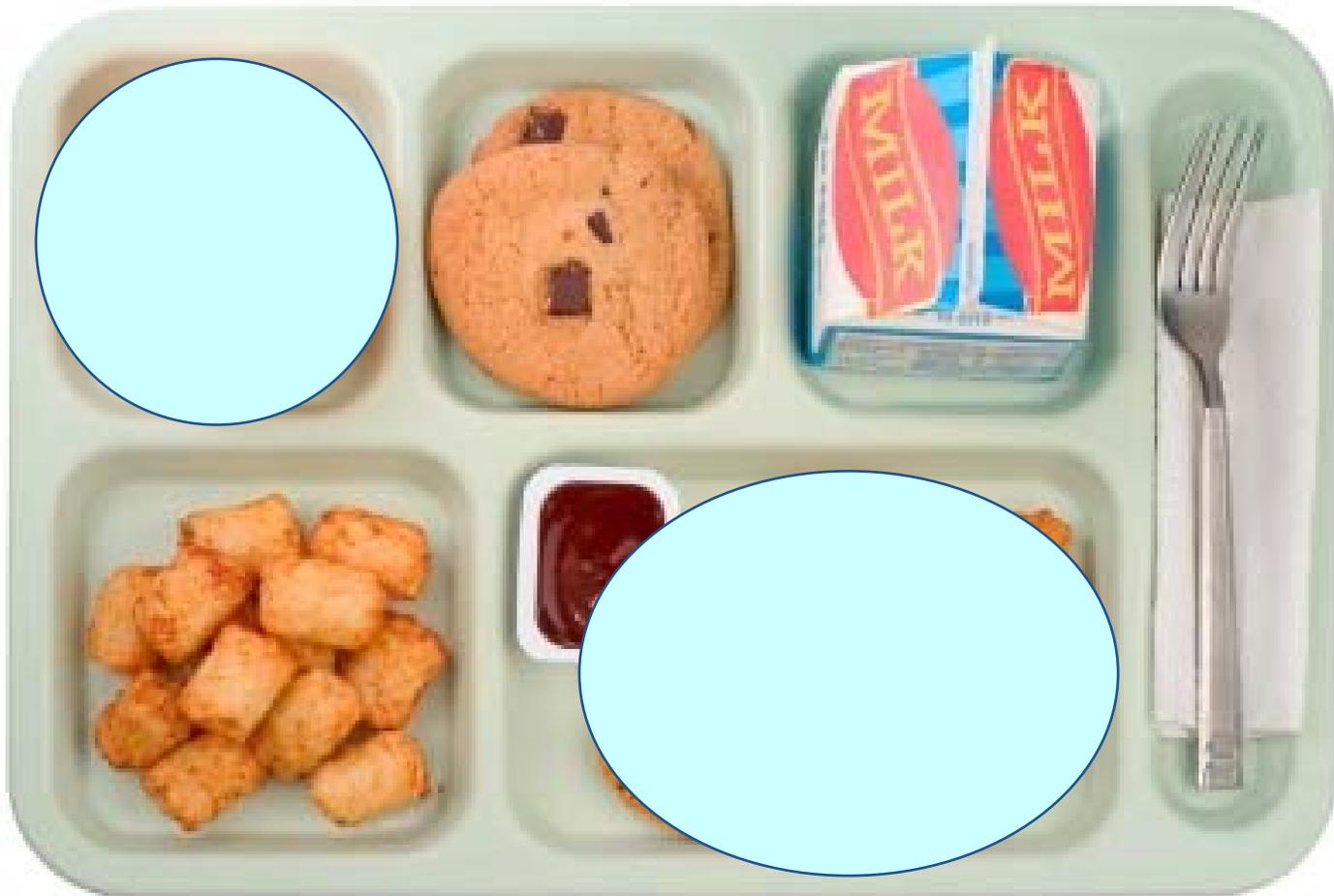




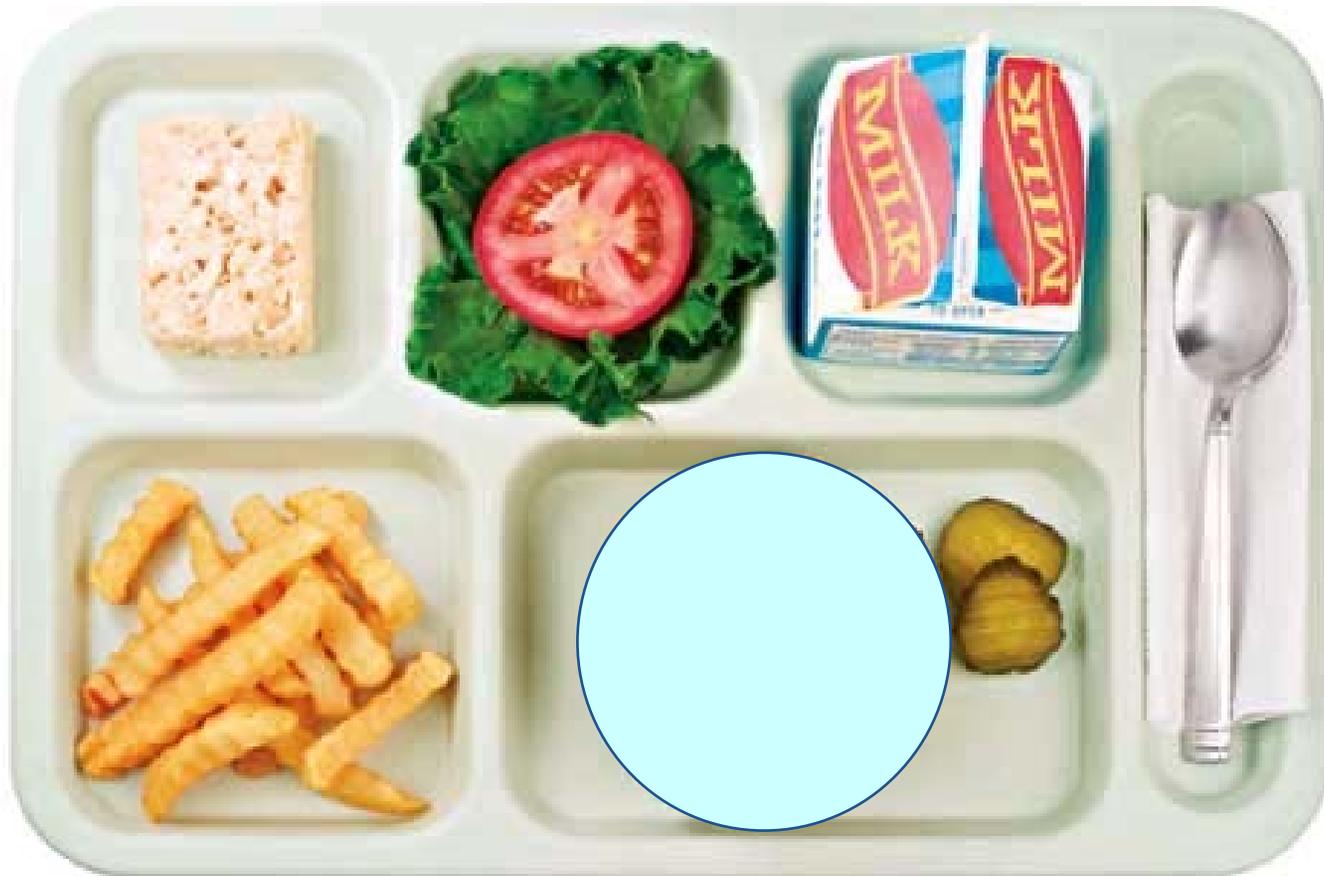


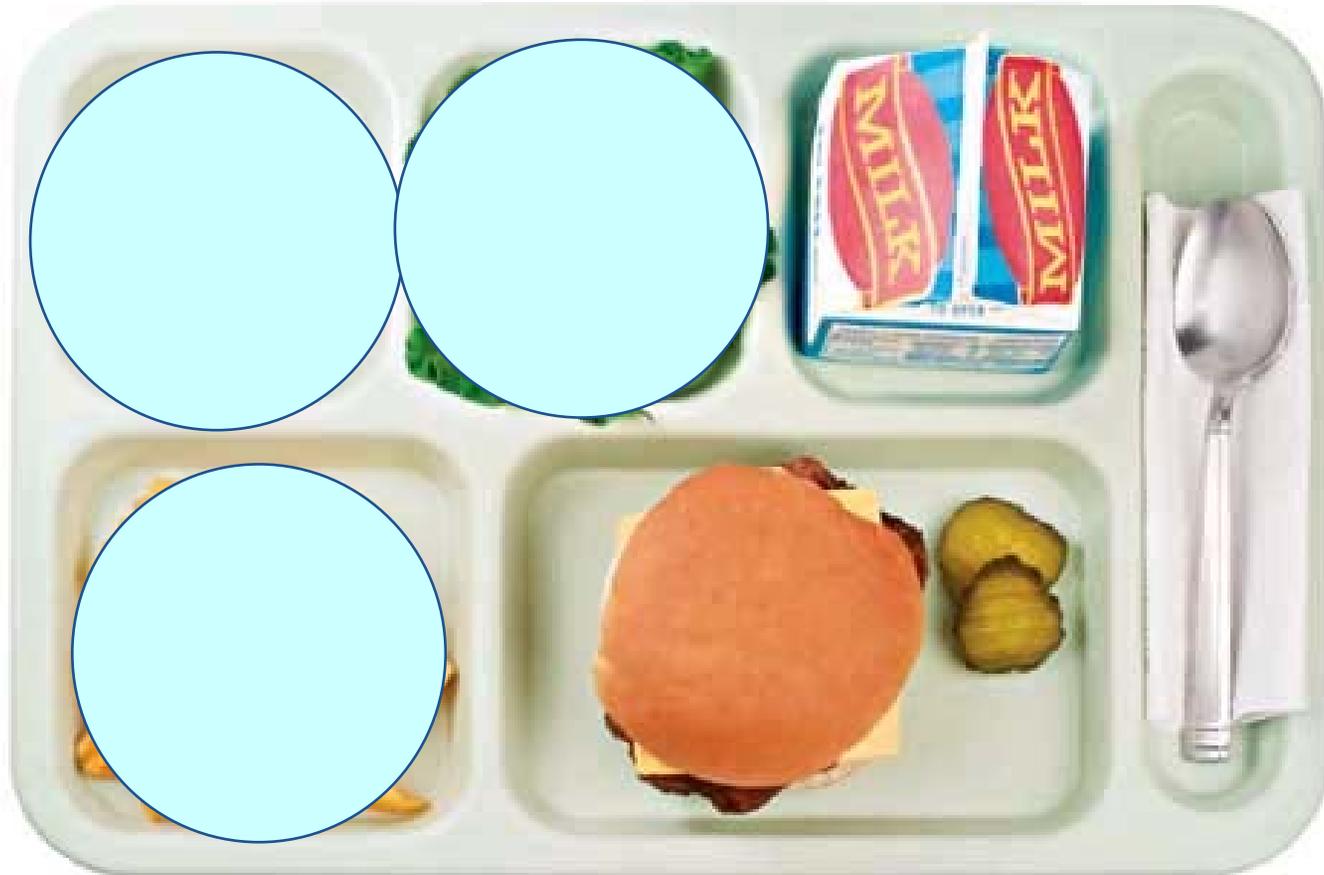




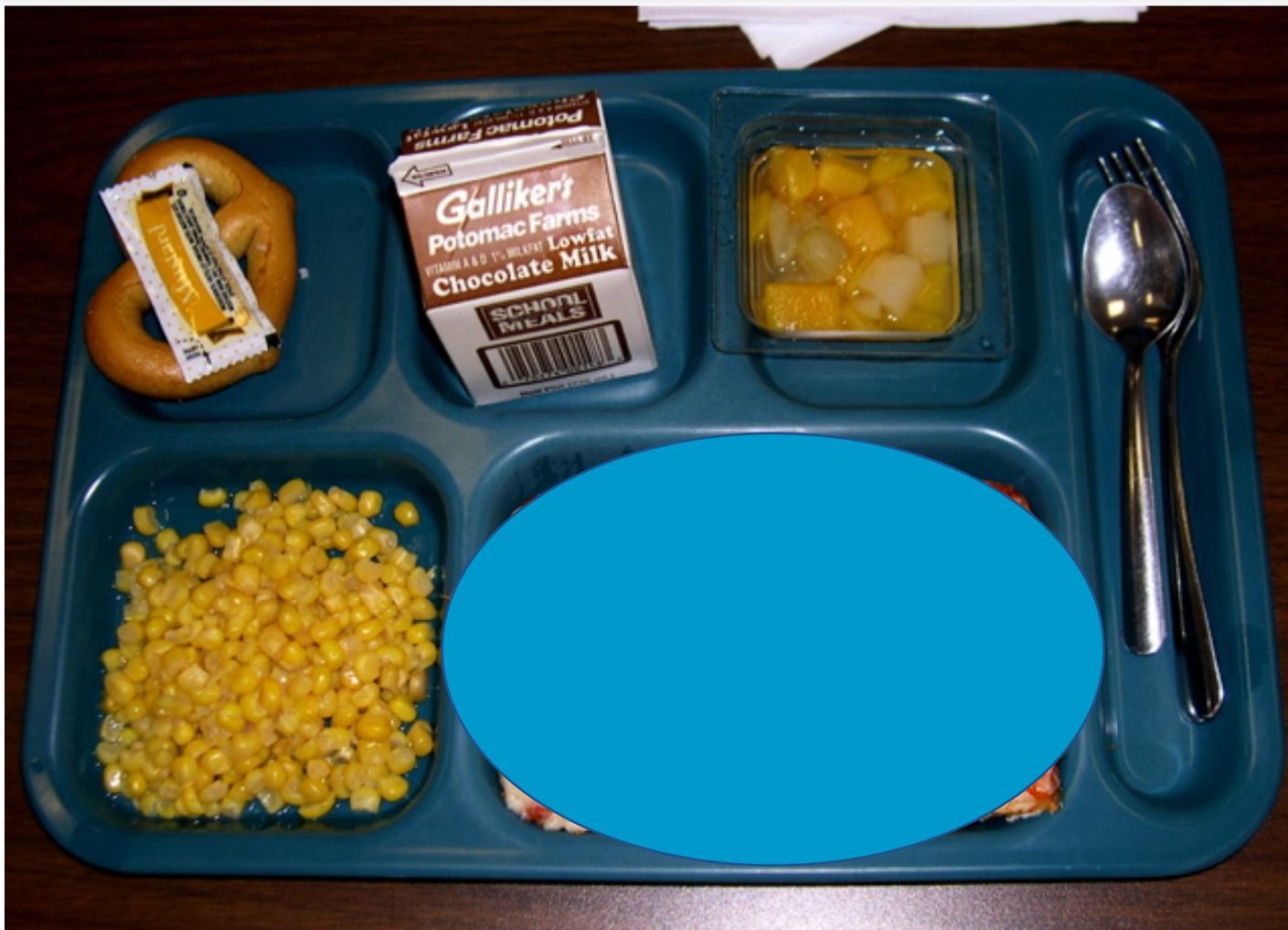


















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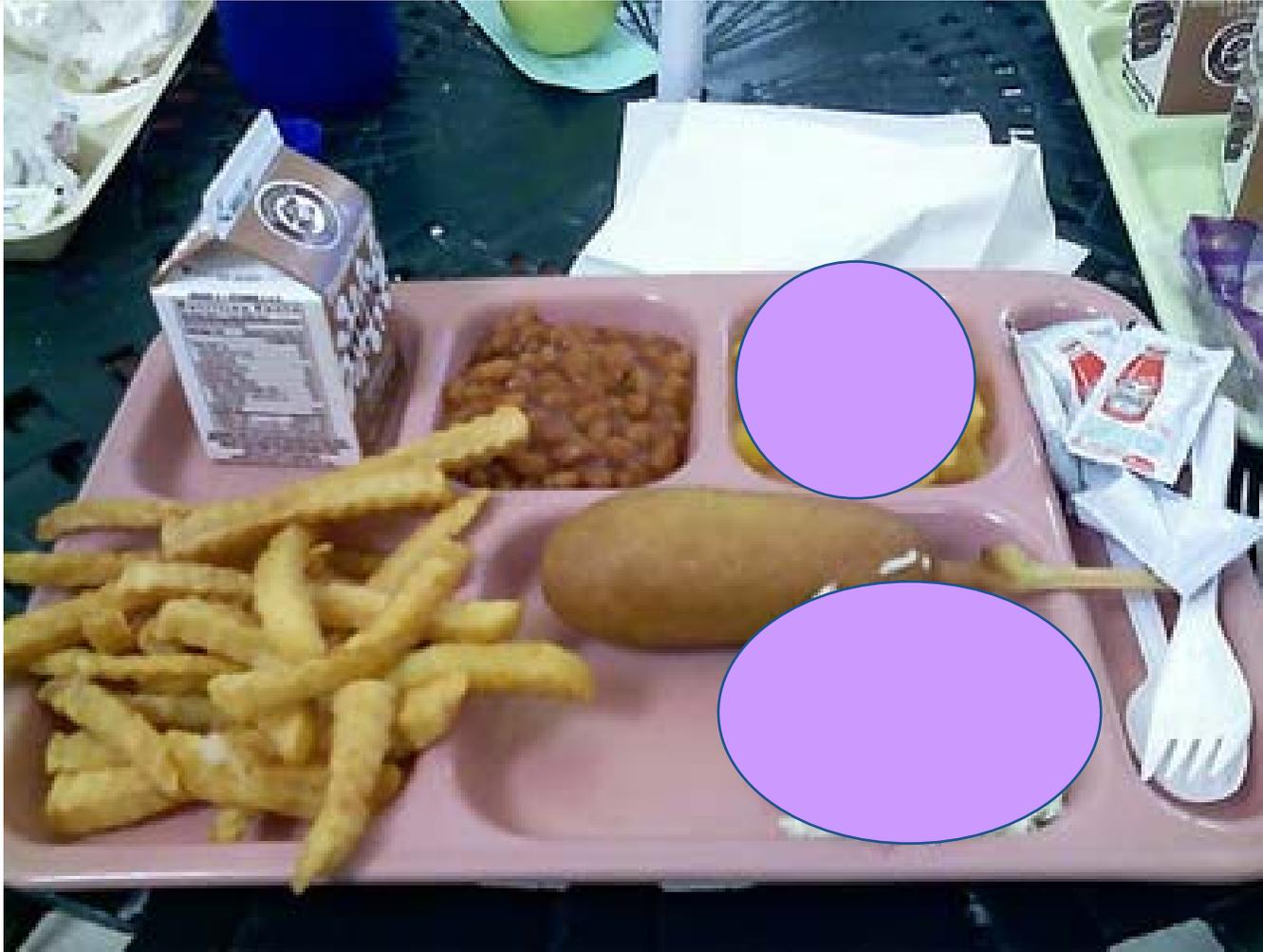
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Corn Dog=
1 oz Meat
1.5 serv GB









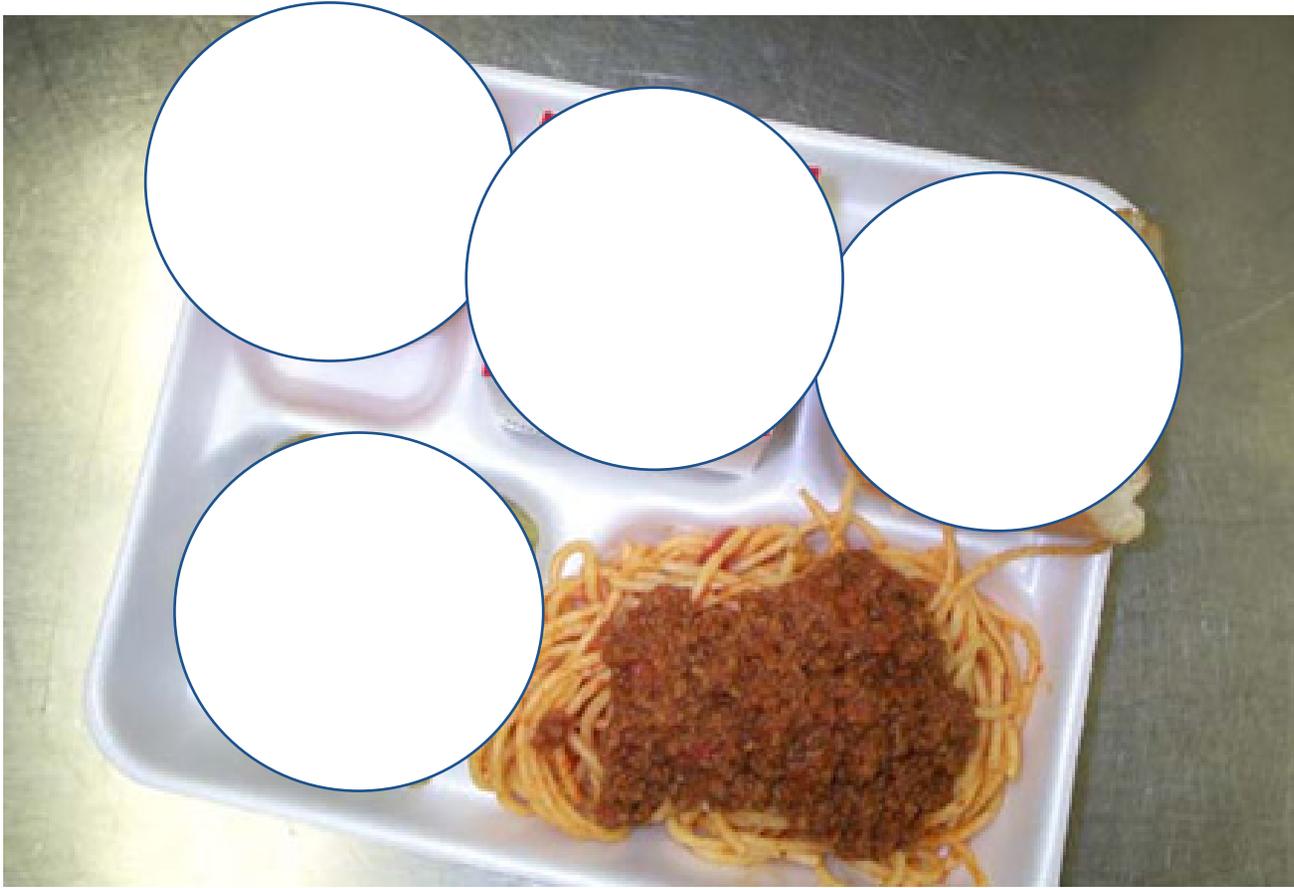


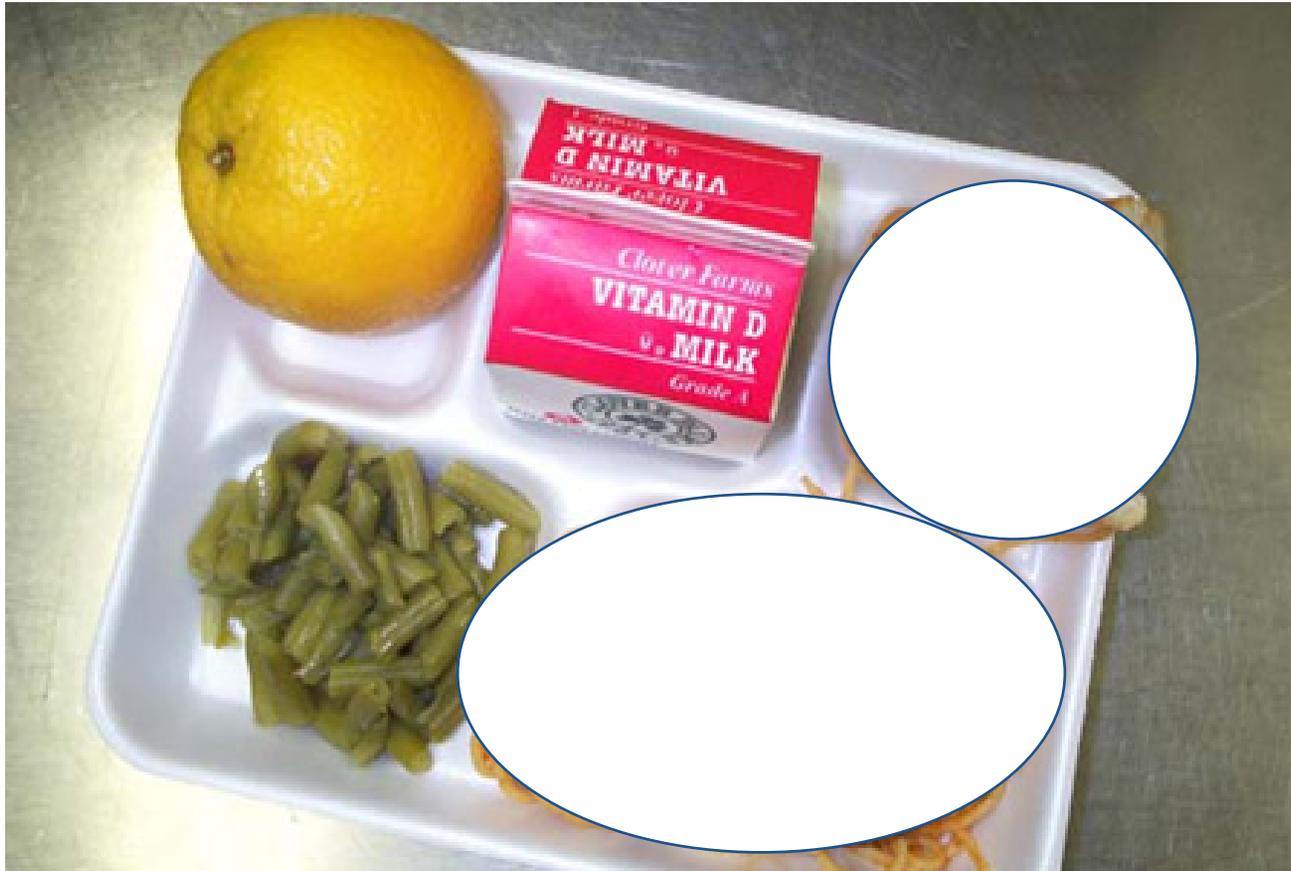














Reimbursable Breakfasts Recap

General requirements for OVS at breakfast (optional at all grade levels):

- Schools must offer at least the minimum servings sizes of all 4 food items from 3 or 4 food components.
- Students must select at least 3 food items.
- Must take full servings to count toward a reimbursable meal.
- May decline any food item, including the milk.
- May take a smaller portion of the declined food item.
- Breakfast must be priced as a unit.



Menu Planning Options

- Breakfast OVS rules for **Enhanced Food Based Menu Planning** are the same as **Traditional Food Based**.
- There is an option in enhanced food based menu plan for the grade group 7-12 to offer one additional serving of grains/breads per day.
- **NuMenus**
 - Minimum of three menu items must be offered
 - Must select at least two items
 - Decline a maximum of one item









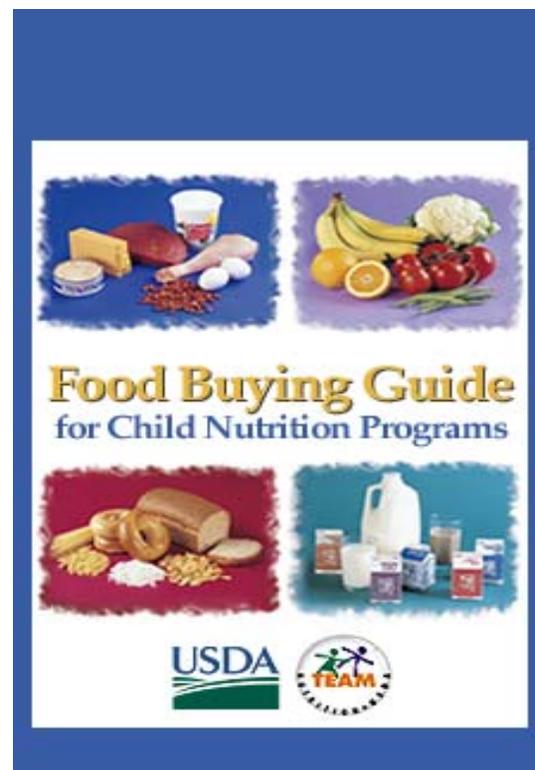
OVS Key Advantages

- Students select foods making it more likely they will eat the food.
- Students may refuse any food item.
- Students may take any combination.
- Students are encouraged to take complete meals.
- Policy for extra portions at extra cost is unaffected by OVS.
- Reducing plate waste can reduce the cost of the program.



INFORMATION FOR FOOD-BASED MENU PLANNING

- Food Buying Guide for Child Nutrition Programs PA-1331
- FNS Instruction 783-1, Revision 2, the Grains/Breads Requirement for the Food-Based Menu Planning Alternatives in the Child Nutrition Programs
- FNS Instruction 783-7, Revision 1, Milk Requirement-Child Nutrition Programs





Questions