

**New York State Education Department
Office of Child Nutrition
Summer Food Service Program
2025 Sponsor Waiver Request for Non-SFA's to Implement Offer versus Serve (OVS)**

Sponsor Name: _____

LEA Code: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____

Title of Contact Person: _____

Requesting to implement OVS at all approved sites.

OR list the name of sites that will implement OVS:

Sponsor must review and agree to the following:

Sponsors must ensure that the following meal service parameters are met:

Breakfast:

- The following four food items must be offered:
 - One serving of fruit/vegetable,
 - One serving of bread/bread alternate,
 - One serving of fluid milk, and
 - One additional serving of fruit/vegetable, bread/bread alternate, or a serving of a meat/meat alternate.

All the food items offered must be different from each other and a child must take at least three of any of the four food items offered and may choose to take all four items.

Lunch or Supper:

- The following four food components must be offered through at least five different food items:
 - One serving of meat/meat alternate,
 - Two servings of fruit and/or vegetables (two different food items),
 - One serving of bread/bread alternate, and
 - One serving of fluid milk.

All the food items offered must be different from each other and a child must take at least three food components and may choose to take all five items. Lunch or supper requirements differ from breakfast in that a child must take at least three food components, rather than items, listed above from the five food items offered. Three components are required for an adequate nutritious meal for children

Offering two servings of the same food item is not permissible under OVS in SFSP. All food items offered must be different from each other. For example, a breakfast menu that includes a serving of milk, a serving of fruit, and two servings of toast is not a reimbursable meal under OVS in SFSP because the toast is two of the same food item. Similarly, if the breakfast menu included two different kinds of cereal rather than toast, it would still not be a reimbursable meal because the cereals, although not identical, are the same food item. Additionally, a larger food item that is worth two servings in weight, such as a two-ounce muffin, counts as only one food item under OVS in SFSP, not two.

Servings of all food items must adhere to the serving sizes in the SFSP meal patterns at 7 CFR 225.16(d).

Sponsor has reviewed the [OVS training](#) and understands the requirements of OVS.

Sponsor agrees to provide training to all meal service staff to ensure proper implementation of OVS, compliance to the meal pattern, and accuracy in meal counting and claiming.

Sponsor will ensure each site has the required OVS signage and visual aids to help children identify a reimbursable meal.

Sponsor agrees to monitor its implementation of OVS during required self-monitoring reviews conducted within the first four weeks of program operations and reviewing menus and production records.

Sponsor will implement OVS only at self-prep, congregate meal sites.

Sponsor is in good standing with all Child Nutrition Programs.

Please describe how OVS will be implemented including a description of the meal service method that will be used, and how options will be communicated to children:

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SED Signature: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor is in good standing with SED	Yes	No	Approved	Denied
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