

**OFFER VERSUS SERVE PROVISION OF THE  
NATIONAL LUNCH PROGRAM**

“*Offer Versus Serve*” is an amendment to the nutritional requirements of the school lunch program. It is a serving method designed to reduce food waste and food cost in the school lunch program without jeopardizing the nutritional integrity of the lunches served. It allows students to decline a food item that they do not plan to eat that would normally be a component of the complete lunch. The price of the lunch to the student, however, is not reduced, nor is the nutritional integrity of the meal.

“*Offer Versus Serve*” is adopted as policy in all Buncombe County Schools.

Replaces Board Policy 522

**History of Policy 522**

Adopted August 6, 1992

11/21/16 - No changes made to policy other than assigning a new policy number.