



## Taste Test Ballots

### Grades K-5

### Introduction

These taste test ballots are intended to be used with younger students (grades k-5). Students in grades k-2 may need assistance voting. A ballot with more detail has been created for students in grades 6-12. You are welcome to make your own ballots or voting system, just be sure to collect the votes as “Tried It”, “Liked It”, “Loved It”.

Participating in the taste test will be voluntary. Participation or non-participation will not affect the students’ grade or class standing. Be sure to inform students verbally or in writing that participation and/or voting is optional. Each school follows district, local, state, and federal requirements and procedures related to COVID-19. The research team supports the practices each school follows and does not expect any deviation from those established protocols.

### Paper Ballot Instructions

To use:

- 1) Print page two of this document, which contains the ballots, and make copies.
- 2) Cut paper into strips so each ballot has the “Tried It, Liked It, Loved It” voting options.
- 3) Distribute the ballots to students participating in the taste test. After they have tried the food, instruct them to choose one of the votes. If the student didn’t like the item or thought it was *just okay*, they should select “Tried It”. Students that do not try the item should not vote. If serving the taste test with other meal items, be sure students understand which food is being evaluated.
- 4) Collect the completed ballots, count, and record the votes.
- 5) Within one week of conducting the taste test, complete the [Taste Test Survey \(https://bit.ly/3ayxEHh\)](https://bit.ly/3ayxEHh) which will include reporting the student votes.

### Electronic Ballot Instructions

This option allows for students to complete their taste test voting electronically. You can use the one we have created for you or make your own online ballot. To use:

- 1) Provide students with the link or the QR code to scan (needs a device with a camera such as a smartphone or tablet).
  - a. Link: <http://bit.ly/TasteTestK5>
  - b. QR code (to the right):
- 2) After they have tried the food, instruct them to choose one of the votes. If they didn’t like the item or thought it was “just okay” they should select “Tried It”. Students that do not try the item should not vote. If serving the taste test with other meal items, be sure students understand which food is being evaluated.
- 3) Within one week of conducting the taste test, complete the [Taste Test Survey \(https://bit.ly/3ayxEHh\)](https://bit.ly/3ayxEHh) which will include reporting the student votes. Since you will not be able to see the votes on this form, you will indicate that you used this online ballot and Montana Team Nutrition staff will download that data for you.



If you have questions, please contact Aubree Roth, [aubree.roth@montana.edu](mailto:aubree.roth@montana.edu), (406) 994-5996

**Circle Only One** – Participating in this taste test is voluntary.



**Tried it**



**Liked it**



**Loved it**

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