



National Food Service Management Institute
The University of Mississippi

Middle/Junior High School Student Non-Participation Survey

Completely fill in the circle of your answer. Use a #2 pencil.

Correct ●●● **Use No. 2 Pencil Only** **Incorrect** ⊗ ⊙ ⊕

Your School Nutrition Program is interested in understanding why middle/junior high school students do not eat or do not eat often in the school lunch program. Please take a few minutes to offer feedback based on your own experience.

SECTION I. Reasons for Not Eating School Lunch

Instructions:					
Please read the statements regarding reasons for not eating (or not eating often) school lunch. As you answer, use the phrase, " My reason for not eating school lunch is that... " before each statement, and then rate your level of agreement by using the scale 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree).					
My reason for not eating school lunch is that...	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly Agree
1. The food does not taste good.	①	②	③	④	⑤
2. I prefer to eat what I bring from home.	①	②	③	④	⑤
3. I do not get enough food to fill me up.	①	②	③	④	⑤
4. There are not enough seats in the dining area.	①	②	③	④	⑤
5. The staff is not friendly.	①	②	③	④	⑤
6. I do not like the food being served.	①	②	③	④	⑤
7. The food does not look healthy.	①	②	③	④	⑤
8. My parents buy food for me to take to school.	①	②	③	④	⑤
9. The food I like runs out before I get to the cafeteria.	①	②	③	④	⑤
10. There are long lines.	①	②	③	④	⑤
11. The service is poor.	①	②	③	④	⑤
12. I do not recognize the food being served.	①	②	③	④	⑤
13. The food served is the same every day.	①	②	③	④	⑤
14. The staff does not speak to me.	①	②	③	④	⑤
15. The food does not look fresh.	①	②	③	④	⑤
16. The food choices offered are not the same as the menu.	①	②	③	④	⑤
17. The food is not properly cooked.	①	②	③	④	⑤
18. The cafeteria does not look clean.	①	②	③	④	⑤
19. The food does not look appealing.	①	②	③	④	⑤
20. There is no variety of food choices.	①	②	③	④	⑤
21. The menu does not have food I like.	①	②	③	④	⑤
22. I do not get to sit with my friends.	①	②	③	④	⑤
23. I do not have enough time to eat.	①	②	③	④	⑤
24. The quality of the food is poor.	①	②	③	④	⑤

SECTION II. Deciding to Eat School Lunch

Instructions:

Read the statements below. Please choose the **TOP FIVE REASONS** that would encourage you to eat school lunch more often.

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| <input type="radio"/> Better quality food | <input type="radio"/> Better tasting food |
| <input type="radio"/> More variety of food choices | <input type="radio"/> Know what food is being served |
| <input type="radio"/> Fresher looking food | <input type="radio"/> More food choices that I like |
| <input type="radio"/> Friendlier staff | <input type="radio"/> Enough food to fill me up |
| <input type="radio"/> Shorter wait in line | <input type="radio"/> More appealing food |
| <input type="radio"/> Cleaner cafeteria | <input type="radio"/> Better service |
| <input type="radio"/> More accurate menu | <input type="radio"/> Food doesn't run out before I get to the cafeteria |

SECTION III. Tell Us About You

Instructions:

Please answer the following questions.

1. What is your grade in school?
 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade
2. On average, how many times PER WEEK do you eat school lunch?
 Two or less Three or more
3. What is your gender?
 Male Female

Thank you for your time and input!