Heating chocolate milk to serve as hot chocolate is a great way to increase milk consumption and attract new students to your school’s breakfast and lunch programs.

Hot chocolate can be served as part of a reimbursable meal as the student milk choice. Milk is a great source of 13 essential nutrients that are important for kids’ development and overall wellness.

Use this guide to help make the most of your school’s new hot chocolate kit! Additional copies of the kit’s printed materials and a how-to video are available for download at Drink-Milk.com.

How to Serve

USDA allows schools to serve fat-free or lowfat flavored milk as part of a reimbursable meal. Check with your milk processor for chocolate milk in gallon or half gallon containers meeting meal regulations.

The 4.75 gallon Hot Chocolate Dispenser included in the kit holds 76 - 8 oz. servings. We recommend serving in an 9 oz. (or larger) hot cup with lid. Remember that 8 oz. of hot chocolate qualifies as a reimbursable component in your meal. Consider setting up your dispenser as part of your service line to let students serve themselves. Test what works best for your students.

Initially, it may be challenging to anticipate the amount of hot chocolate to prepare for the day. Keep a close watch on your dispenser and record usage to better project daily needs. At the end the day, discard leftover hot chocolate. Heated chocolate milk may separate when chilled and reheated, so use fresh milk each day for the best results. Do not use the dispenser for any other beverages as flavors will transfer to the milk.

This kit includes:

- Activation Guide
- User Guide
- Cooking Instructions
- 250 Stickers for Cups
- Point of Sale Poster
- Customizable Poster
- Hot Chocolate Dispenser Sign (2)
SPREAD THE WORD

Get your students excited about hot chocolate made with real milk with these ideas:

» Use a dry erase marker to customize the included posters to highlight featured flavors of the week or which days hot chocolate will be served.

» Offer calorie-free toppings like cocoa powder, cinnamon, nutmeg or pumpkin pie spice for a seasonal treat.

» Host a contest to name your hot chocolate (Ex: Wildcat Hot Chocolate, Blue and Gold Hot Chocolate)

» Include hot chocolate in your daily announcements and promote on special holidays, like January 31 - National Hot Chocolate Day!

» Encourage students to write an article for your school newspaper or website.

» Post about your new menu item on social media! Remember to post according to your intended audience - students typically prefer Twitter or Instagram, while parents tend to prefer Facebook or Twitter.

SAMPLE MESSAGING

Sample Announcement
It might be cold outside, but we're warming things up in the cafeteria! Grab a cup of hot chocolate made with real milk at breakfast or lunch - it's included in your meal.

Sample Social Media Posts for Schools

INSTAGRAM
[photo of hot chocolate & toppings]
We're serving [Pumpkin Spice] flavored hot chocolate made with real milk at breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria tomorrow! Comment below - what flavor should we try next week? [school hashtag] #UndeniablyDairy

FACEBOOK
[photo of hot chocolate]
Have you heard? We're now serving hot chocolate made with real milk in the cafeteria! It’s included as a beverage option with breakfast and lunch, and every steaming hot cup is packed with 9 essential nutrients.

TWITTER
[photo of hot chocolate]
Did you hear? We’re now serving hot chocolate made with real milk in the cafeteria! It’s included as a beverage option with breakfast and lunch! What’s your favorite hot chocolate topping? [school hashtag] #UndeniablyDairy

TWITTER POLL
What’s your favorite hot chocolate topping? The winner will be featured on this month's menu!
A. Cinnamon
B. Pumpkin Spice
C. None - original is best!
D. [Other options]
Use the equipment you have in your kitchen to make hot chocolate. We recommend these three methods.

Whichever method you choose, do not reheat or hold hot chocolate over night. Any remaining hot chocolate must be discarded and the dispenser must be cleaned and sanitized.

**STEAM KETTLE METHOD**

Set steam kettle to 300°F. Pour 2-3 gallons of chocolate milk into kettle.

Stir continuously until the milk reaches 145°F (about 5 minutes). Do not let the milk boil.

Pour into an insulated serving container using the tilt mechanism or the spigot on the kettle.

The spigot may also be used to fill a pitcher to pour into insulated single-serve cups.
TILT SKILLET METHOD

Set tilt skillet to 300°F. Pour 2-3 gallons of chocolate milk into tilt skillet.

Stir continuously until the milk reaches 145°F (about 15-20 minutes). Do not let the milk boil.

Tilt the skillet and pour into an insulated container for serving.

STOVE TOP METHOD

Pour 2-3 gallons of chocolate milk into stock pot. Set burner to medium heat.

Stir continuously until the milk reaches 145°F (about 10-15 minutes). Do not let the milk boil.

Pour into an insulated container for serving.
WARM UP WITH

HOT CHOCOLATE

made with real milk

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TAKE ME TO THE CAFETERIA

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PRE-HEAT

When pre-heated, the dispenser maintains product temperature for 4 hours! To preheat, fill dispenser with hot water, cover and latch lid for 15-30 minutes. Drain hot water and fill dispenser with hot chocolate. Do not pour boiling liquid 190°F or hotter directly into dispenser.

MAINTENANCE

It is important to schedule thorough, regular cleanings. During cleanings, inspect parts such as lids, gaskets, spigots, latches and hinges to make sure they are in good working condition or replace if necessary.

CLEANING

Remove lid and clean around hinges and/or pins.
Remove and clean the gasket and spigot.

» To clean gaskets, place in a container or sink of hot, soapy water, wipe off with a soft cloth, rinse with hot water, sanitize and allow to air dry.

» To clean spigot, place in container of hot soapy water, wipe with soft cloth and use bottle brush to clean inside spigot, rinse with hot water, sanitize and allow to air dry. Use bottle brush to clean spigot tube.

Clean the outside and inside of the dispenser using a soft cloth or brush and a mild commercial cleaning detergent, paying close attention to handles, latches, hinges and vent caps. Sanitizing solutions are recommended. Do not use any cleaners containing ammonia or bleach. Do not use steel wool or abrasive pads. Rinse with clean water 70°F or hotter, sanitize and air dry whenever possible or wipe thoroughly with a clean, dry, soft cloth to remove moisture. Store with lids and doors slightly open.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

Need replacement latches, gaskets or spigots? Order online at www.Cambro.com or call customer service at 800-854-7631. For more information, visit https://www.YouTube.com/watch?V=RSUT264_A9A