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Persuasive Writing

Pizza for Lunch

Do you agree or disagree with the statement below?

Pizza should never be served for lunch at school because it is not a healthy choice.

State your opinion and use details to support your point of view.



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VEGGIES



PIZZA



TEACHER NOTES

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Recommendations for Lesson:

Before presenting this persuasive writing prompt to students, you may choose to have a class discussion to present both sides of the issue.

Arguments in favor of serving pizza in school cafeterias might include:

- Pizza offers balanced nutrition, including dairy (cheese), protein (pepperoni), fruit (tomato sauce).
- Many kids enjoy pizza. They'll be more likely to eat their lunch.
- Pizza isn't very unhealthy when eaten in moderation.
- Schools could serve sides of vegetables or other healthy foods with the pizza.

Arguments in against serving pizza in school cafeterias might include:

- Pizza is unhealthy. It has cholesterol and fat.
- Students could be offered healthier options instead, such as vegetable platters, salads, or healthy sandwiches.
- When students get used to eating healthy foods at school, they will choose healthy options throughout their lives.

When writing their persuasive essays, students should be encouraged to include a topic sentence (or topic paragraph) stating their opinion, followed by persuasive details to support their point of view. Writers can also acknowledge the opinions of those who might have a different view, and follow up with an argument to make their case.