

Meal Modification Statement/Notification

Meal Service to Children with Disabilities: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability, which may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual, a record of such an impairment or being regarded as having such an impairment. All Food Service Areas will also be accessible to any/all individuals.

The School Nutrition Program's regulations require that meals offered in the schools meet the meal patterns identified in the program regulations. Food substitutions may be made for medical or special dietary needs on a case-by-case basis if supported by a statement signed by a recognized medical authority. A recognized medical authority may include physicians, physician assistants or nurse practitioners. A request for a Meal Modification can also come from one of these persons.

The School District will review any requests for modification and accommodate wherever possible. If the exact request is not achievable, an alternate modification may be proposed. Families will have the opportunity to review the proposed alternate modification and file a grievance with the District's 504 Coordinator. If necessary, an impartial hearing can be requested in order to review standard and alternative procedures.

Your child's health is very important to us. Please have your medical authority complete and submit a notification to the school district's School Lunch Director containing the required information needed to accommodate your child.

- The School Nutrition Program utilizes the Offer vs. Serve meal service at our elementary, middle and high schools, but not any pre-k buildings. This means that your child may be able to make choices for their meal and choose something else to which they are not allergic. School Nutrition personnel will make every attempt to accommodate your child's dietary needs; at no cost to families.
- Please know that the School Nutrition Program is able to handle vegetarian and/or religious (i.e. no pork) dietary requests. Requests must be made through Food Service. Any major allergen requests must be made with the Nurse on Site.
- Parents and students are able to view school menus on the school website.
- Your child's signed Notification Form will stay on file until the school nutrition department receives written notification to remove it.