



Guidelines for Students with Special Diets

If your child has been identified by a physician to require a specialty diet, changes can be made to your child's meals at no extra charge.

Children will be considered eligible based on the following:

- [Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
- [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations 7 CFR Part 15b require substitutions or modifications in school meals for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. School food authorities must provide modifications for children with disabilities on a case-by-case basis when requests are supported by a written statement from a state licensed medical practitioner. The licensed medical practitioner's statement must identify:

- an explanation of how the child's physical or mental impairment restricts the child's diet;
- the food(s) to be avoided; and
- the food or choice of foods that must be substituted.

Student Information

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Student ID #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Email: _____

Medical Information

This school/facility participates in a federally funded Child Nutrition Program and any meals, milk, and snacks served must meet program requirements. Reasonable meal accommodations must be made when the accommodation requested is due to a disability and supported by a physician's statement. Reasonable meal accommodations may be made for children without disabilities who may still have special dietary needs; a medical statement may be required. If you are requesting a meal accommodation or substitution, please ask your physician to complete and sign this form.

If you have any questions, please contact _____ (name) at _____ (phone).

THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ONLY.

Does the student have an identified disability, food allergy, or food intolerance requiring a special diet?

- Severe Allergy:** Student has a food allergy that is severe or causes an anaphylactic reaction.
- Mild Allergy:** Student has a food allergy that is less severe or does not cause an anaphylactic reaction.
- Food Intolerance:** Student has a food intolerance that requires a modified diet.
- Disability:** Student has a disability that requires a modified diet.
- Other: _____

Please complete all sections below that are applicable to the child	
Allergies, Intolerances & Celiac Disease	What food(s)/type(s) of food should be omitted? Please be specific.
	List of foods to be substituted. (Avoid brand names, if possible.)
Diabetes Mellitus	Please describe any modifications necessary to accommodate the child's needs.
Texture Modifications	The child requires that all foods be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pureed <input type="checkbox"/> Diced/Finely Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Chopped/cut into bite sized pieces <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
	Liquids should be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pudding Thick <input type="checkbox"/> Honey Thick <input type="checkbox"/> Nectar Thick <input type="checkbox"/> Thin/Normal consistency
Other	What food(s)/type(s) of food should be omitted? Please be specific.
	List of foods to be substituted. (Avoid brand names, if possible.)
Additional Comments:	
Signature Required: Please check the appropriate title:	<input type="checkbox"/> Physician <input type="checkbox"/> Physician Assistant <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> Dentist
<input type="checkbox"/> Podiatrist <input type="checkbox"/> Optometrist	
I certify that the above-named student requires food substitutes as a described above due to their disability, food allergy, or food intolerance.	
Medical Practitioner's Name: _____	
Medical Practitioner's Signature: _____	
Title: _____	
Phone Number: _____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____	Phone: _____