

Dear Parents,

The United States Department of Agriculture regulations require that substitutions and modifications in school meals be made for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. Substitutions to the meal pattern, or modifications to a food item, are required for those students with disabilities who are unable to consume the regular program meals.

Generally, children with food allergies or intolerances do not have a disability as defined in any of the Acts or laws, and the school food service may, but is not required to, make food substitutions for them. However, when food allergies result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of "disability" and the substitutions prescribed by the licensed, medical physician must be made.

If you are requesting any special dietary requests for your child for next school year, contact the office to receive the appropriate forms. Please take the forms to your family physician to have them completed. **These forms must be updated each school year.** Please make sure that your child's forms are sent back to the school office as soon as possible. Once our office receives any special requests, we will contact you to set up a meeting to discuss your child's needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Missy Eggert at 218-338-4079, ext 402.