

Requirements for School Meal Modification
2014-15

Dear Parent/Guardian:

New guidelines have been developed by the Colorado Department of Education-Office of School Nutrition regarding meal modifications in the school cafeteria. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you, as you will be asked to fill out the forms yearly at the beginning of each school year if the situation applies to your child. This way, if you have questions, they can be answered now. If your child does not require meal modifications, you will not need to fill out any forms.

Your child's school:

- Will make meal modifications prescribed by a licensed physician to accommodate a disability. Please obtain the "Medical Statement for Dietary Disability-School Meal Modification" form (SD-1) from your child's school. Examples of chronic health conditions are listed on the form that may benefit from meal modifications, including but not limited to severe food allergy (requiring EPI-Pen) and diabetes.
- Asks you to consult with Tamara Viers, Food Service Director about making meal modifications prescribed by a medical authority due to a food allergy/intolerance or other medical condition that does not rise to the level of a disability. Please obtain the "Medical Statement to Request School Meal Modification" form (SD-2) from your child's school after consulting with Tamara Viers.
- Will not make substitutions for fluid cow's milk due to a food allergy/intolerance or for other reasons due to the district's Offer versus Serve policy and the availability of water during the lunch time.

The "Medical Statement for Disability- School Meal Modification" (SD-1) and "Medical Statement to Request School Meal Modification" (SD-2) forms are attached to this letter. On the front of each form there are further instructions and information about the meal modifications that can be requested under federal regulations and the procedures that apply to either an allergy that rises to the level of a disability (SD-1) or an allergy/intolerance that does not rise to the level of a disability (SD-2).

Please read this information carefully before completing the appropriate form.

Only the 3 types of meal modifications explained above are applicable to your child's school.

Please return the completed medical statement, obtaining your physician's signature as required, to your child's school-main office.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call Tamara Viers at 719-395-7128. If there is no answer, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tamara Viers
Food Service Director

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