

August 15, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child's school:

1. Will make meal modifications prescribed by a licensed physician (MD or DO), advanced practice nurse (APN) with prescriptive authority or physician assistant (PA) to accommodate a disability.
2. May make 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.
3. Will make allergen information available upon request.
4. Will not make substitutions for fluid cow's milk due to lactose intolerance.

The *Medical Statement for Disability- School Meal Modification (SD-1) Modification* form is on the website. On the front of the form there are further instructions and information about the meal modifications that can be requested under federal regulations, and the procedures that apply to an allergy/intolerance 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 form.

Only the types of meal modifications explained in the first paragraph of this letter are applicable to your child's school.

To ensure the requested meal modifications can be made on the first day of school, return the completed medical statement by August 10, 2016 to Jennifer Cook, MS, RD, at Food and Nutrition Services, 2320 W. 4th Ave., Denver, CO 80223. You may also scan a copy of the completed form to jennifer_cook@dpsk12.org. If you have previously submitted the form, you are not required to submit a new one unless your child's medical condition has substantially changed.

If you are submitting a request for meal modification at a time other than the beginning of the school year, it will take approximately ten (10) school days from the time the request is received until it can be implemented.

IMPORTANT: For a student who does not have a recognized disability, the only fluid cow's milk substitutions allowed by USDA are: (1) lactose-free fluid cow's milk (1% or skim) or (2) non-dairy beverage with a nutrient profile equivalent to fluid cow's milk as specified in federal regulations. **Due to very limited availability of these products and cost considerations, the school district has chosen not to provide these substitutions. Students are never required to take milk as part of the meal.**

If you have questions or need assistance, please call Jennifer Cook, MS, RD, at 720-423-5605.

Sincerely,

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