



DIBOLL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Child Nutrition Department and Health Services of Diboll ISD have devised a procedure for requesting special dietary modifications for students. This procedure was developed to insure that students receive adequate nutrition and to ensure schools have the equipment and supplies necessary to meet their needs.

USDA regulations 7 CFR Part 15b require substitutions or modifications in school meals for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. A child with a disability must be provided substitutions in foods when that need is supported by a **statement signed by a licensed physician**. The physician's statement must identify:

1. The child's disability
2. An explanation of why the disability restricts the child's diet
3. The major life activity affected by the disability
4. The food(s) to be omitted from the child's diet, and the food or choice of foods that must be substituted
5. Specific substitutions must be specified in a statement by a licensed physician.

Children without disabilities, but with special dietary needs requiring food substitutions or modifications, may request that the school food service meet their needs. The school food authority will decide these situations on a case-by-case basis. Documentation with accompanying information must be provided by a recognized medical authority (MD, DO, RD, PA, NP), using the Diet Modification/Allergy Form.

All requests for special dietary modifications should begin with the school nurse. At the beginning of school, the nurse will need to identify the students who have special dietary needs. The nurse will obtain written guidelines from student's medical authority using the Diet Modification/Allergy Form. This form will be forwarded to the Child Nutrition Department for verification and approval. The Child Nutrition Department will notify the family, campus nurse and cafeteria manager when the department will begin providing the diet modification.

Sincerely,

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