



Good Foundations Academy

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Special Meals Policy

PURPOSE:

Define students who are needing special dietary meals and correct procedure for authorization

POLICY:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nondiscrimination regulation (7 CFR 15b), as well as the regulations governing the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program, make it clear that substitutions to the regular meal must be made for children who are unable to eat school meals because of their disabilities, when that need is certified by a licensed physician

Generally, children with food allergies or intolerances do not have a disability as defined under either Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act or Part B of IDEA..." "However, when in the licensed physician's assessment, food allergies may result in severe, life-threatening (anaphylactic) reactions, the child's condition would meet the definition of "disability," and the substitutions prescribed by the licensed physician must be made."

PROCEDURES:

If a student has a documented disability that restricts their diet, the school foodservice department **MUST** make the substitutions as listed by a **licensed physician on a Medical Statement Form**.

Parents requesting special dietary needs for their children shall use Medical Statement to Request Special Meals form located on the school lunch website. If parents do not have Internet access, upon request, the lunch director will send the appropriate form home to the parent. Parents shall complete the form and acquire the medical authority's concurrence and signature.

When the form is completed, it is returned to the Lunch Program Manager who determines the needs and notifies the parents.

A Medical Statement to Request Special Meals should be completed each school year to ensure most updated needs are being met.

Students will not be accommodated based on dietary preferences.

Parents/Guardians should communicate to the Lunch Program Manager when their student will be eating lunch in order to avoid waste.