

Special Dietary Needs

Dear Parents,

The Child Nutrition Staff of North Putnam Schools strive daily to ensure that the dietary needs of all our students are fulfilled to the best of our ability.

Child Nutrition Program regulations require participating school corporations to offer breakfast, lunch and milk to all qualifying students. The school food service, like the other programs in the school, is responsible for ensuring that its meals are made available to all children, including children with disabilities.

School Food Service Responsibilities

School food service staff must make food substitutions or modifications for students with disabilities. Substitutions or modifications for children with disabilities must be based on a prescription written by a licensed physician. The school food service is encouraged, but not required, to provide food substitutions or modifications for children without disabilities with medically certified special dietary needs who are unable to eat regular meals as prepared. Under no circumstances is the school food service staff to revise or change a diet perception or medical order.

The school food corporation may make food substitutions at their discretion, for individual children who do not have a disability, but who are medically certified as having a special medical or dietary need. Such determinations are only made on a case-by-case basis. This provision covers those children who have food intolerances or allergies but do not have life-threatening reactions when exposed to the food(s) to which they have a problem. Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement, which explains the food substitution that is requested. It must be signed by a recognized medical authority.

The medical statement must include:

An identification of the medical or other special dietary condition which restricts the child's diet

The food or foods to be omitted from the child's diet, and the food or choice of foods to be substituted

If you have questions or concerns please contact the foodservice office at: 765-522-0624.

Sincerely,

Ms. Debbie Carrico
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