



## **Food Allergies**

We recognize the critical importance of our approach to supporting students and families who manage food allergy issues every day and work closely with the families of students who have food allergies and medical conditions that require a modification to their menu.

If you would like your child to receive meal accommodations for allergies or a medical condition please ensure that you submit the “Children with Disabilities and Special Dietary Needs” form to: [ltaddei@haverfordsd.net](mailto:ltaddei@haverfordsd.net).

In order to modify the school meal, we must have this written Medical Statement on file signed by a licensed medical provider (physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner). The statement must identify:

- The child’s disability
- Explanation of how the disability restricts the child’s diet
- The major life activity affected by the disability
- The food(s) to be omitted, texture modifications and recommended substitutions.

You receive confirmation from our food service department that documentation has been received and a modification plan is in place.

For any children who are currently receiving meal accommodations, please contact Lisa Taddei, Director of Dining Services at: [ltaddei@haverfordsd.net](mailto:ltaddei@haverfordsd.net). if you would like to review the meal accommodation plan, which may require additions or amendments based on the ongoing supply chain issues.

As part of our protocol, café managers review food labels for foods used to produce special meals daily; however, there may be situations where product substitutions are made that contain different allergens or have a different nutritional profile than our usual menu items. As a result, we may need to provide a meal that is different than previously identified for students with special dietary needs to ensure that the meal served to them is in line with their needs as outlined in their medical forms.

While we have posted signs in the cafeteria encouraging students with food allergies or other dietary concerns to speak up, we encourage you to remind your child to be sure to check with the cafeteria manager regarding product substitutions that may not be reflected in the menu posted. We will make every attempt to update Nutrislice in real-time, but at this time, please do not solely rely on nutrition or allergen information to accommodate allergies or medical conditions in the event last-minute changes were made.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student’s allergies or dietary needs, please don’t hesitate to reach out to our office at 610-653-5900 EXT 7141. We are committed to making meals safe and available to all.