

Dear Ferndale School District Families,

In our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible care for your children, we want to remind you about our process for addressing special dietary needs and requests and ensuring your child's well-being while at school. USDA Child Nutrition Programs support access to healthy meals to all children, including children with disabilities who have special dietary needs. Disability is defined as an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. This can include allergies and digestive conditions. It does not include personal, or religious preferences.

Attached, you will find our request form for you to print and complete. The form must be completed by your child's health care provider stating the specific dietary needs your child requires, and returned to the Administrative Assistant at your child's school. This form helps us better understand your child's dietary needs.

If you have not informed your child's school nurse of their food allergies or digestive condition, please provide them with this information. Our dedicated nurses are here to support your child's health and well-being, and they need to be informed in order to assist in keeping Child Nutrition up to date on necessary accommodations for your child. This vital step allows our Food Service staff to be fully informed and ready to provide the necessary accommodation for your child. We understand that needs may change throughout the year(s) and kindly request that you notify us by submitting a new dietary form signed by your Health Care Provider stating any and all changes to your child's dietary needs, whether it is new or discontinued changes or updated restrictions by contacting your school nurse.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and well-being. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us provide a safe and nurturing environment for all our students.

Warm regards,

Yvonne Green
Director of Child Nutrition
Ferndale School District