



Community Day Charter Public School (CDCPS) Meal Modification Policy

CDCPS serves as a School Food Authority for the National School Lunch Program in Massachusetts. USDA program regulations require School Food Authorities (SFAs) to provide modifications for children on a case-by-case basis and only when requests are supported by a written statement from a state licensed healthcare professional, such as a physician or nurse practitioner (7 CFR 210.10(m)). To request a meal modification, please complete this [Meal Modification Request form](#) and submit it to Megan English, Director of Operations. Depending on the nature of the request, a team of individuals may be consulted to consider the request. Requests will be addressed within 5 school working days of receipt.

If the SFA believes the medical statement is unclear, or lacks sufficient detail, it must obtain appropriate clarification so that a proper and safe meal can be provided. SFAs may consider expense and efficiency in choosing an appropriate approach to accommodate a child's disability. SFAs are not required to provide the specific substitution or other modification requested but must offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the child's disability and provides equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from the program. SFAs are not required to provide modifications that would fundamentally alter the nature of the food program.

If a meal modification is approved, it will remain in place until a new meal modification is requested and approved.