

St. Maries School District No. 41
Child Nutrition Program

Dietary Modification Request

For the health and safety of your child, all special dietary modification requests must be accompanied by a completed "Medical Statement Form" with either a physician or a recognized medical authority (physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or registered dietician) signature.

The statement must be completed in its entirety and submitted to the district's Food Services Director before any meal substitutions can be made for any child with or without disabilities.

USDA: Federal Regulations Compliance Requirements

Exceptions and variations allowed in reimbursable meals

- 1) *Exceptions for disability reasons*- Schools must make substitutions during regular meal service times for students who are considered to have a disability under 7CFR 15b.3 and whose disability restricts their diet. Substitutions must be made on a case by case basis only when supported by a written statement of need for substitutions that includes recommended alternative foods, unless otherwise exempted by FNS. Such statements must be signed by a licensed physician.
- 2) *Exceptions for non-disability reasons*- Schools may make substitutions without disabilities who cannot consume the regular breakfast or lunch because of medical or other special dietary needs. Substitutions must be made on a case by case basis only when supported by a written statement of need for substitutions that includes recommended alternative food, unless otherwise exempted by FNS.

For questions, please contact Cheri Chaffey, Food Service Director for the St. Maries School District at (208) 245-1309.

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