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Dietary Accommodation Disclaimer

Parma City School District Nutrition Services provides meal modifications only for students with a disability that restricts their diet as defined under the [U.S. Department of Agriculture \(USDA\) 783-2 REV. 2](#), and Ohio Department of Education (ODE) guidelines.

To qualify for a dietary accommodation, a completed [Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs](#) must be submitted and signed by a State-authorized medical authority (such as a physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner licensed to prescribe in Ohio). Nutrition Services is not required to accommodate personal food preferences, lifestyle choices, or non-disability-related requests (for example, vegetarian, vegan, or gluten-free diets without a medical diagnosis).

When the need for a special dietary accommodation is supported by a Medical Statement for Special Dietary Needs signed by a State-authorized medical authority, the District will offer a reasonable modification that effectively accommodates the student's disability. Following USDA Child Nutrition Program regulations, the District may consider factors such as cost and efficiency, and is not required to prepare a specific meal, provide a specific brand of food, or provide a meal beyond the meals provided to other students in accordance with [Board Policy PO8500](#).

Parma City School District kitchens are not certified allergen-free or gluten-free facilities. While reasonable care is taken to avoid cross-contact, the District cannot guarantee that menu items will be completely free of allergens or gluten. Cross-contact may occur during receiving, storage, preparation, or service.

Parents/guardians of students with medically documented food allergies or disabilities requiring meal modifications should contact:

Emily Gladish
Parma City School District
Nutrition Services Supervisor
440-842-2162

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Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the state or local agency that administers the program or contact USDA through the Telecommunications Relay Service at 711 (voice and TTY). Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, [AD-3027](#), found online at How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

1. Mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Mail Stop 9410, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

2. Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

3. Email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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