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Mississinewa Community Schools
Child Nutrition Department
Parent Memo

Our Child Nutrition team follows federal and state rules for providing safe meals for students with medical needs. We want to support every student, and we must focus our efforts on medically required dietary modifications.

Key points for families:

• If your child has a disability that affects their diet, we will provide the required substitutions at no cost.
• A medical statement from a licensed Indiana health care provider must be submitted within five school days.
• The medical statement must list the diagnosis, the foods to avoid, and the substitutions that are required.
• While we wait for the medical statement, we will begin the modification immediately.
• The school nurse, principal, and the student's IEP or 504 team will be notified and involved when needed.
• Parents who believe their child's accommodation is not being met may contact the district's compliance office.

For students without a disability but with a medical condition that requires a change in diet:

• We will provide substitutions at no cost.
• A signed medical statement from a licensed Indiana health care provider must be submitted within five school days.
• The statement must identify the medical reason, the foods to avoid, and the required substitutions.
• Parents may request a meeting with the Food Service Director, school nurse, and principal to review available options.

Important reminder for all families:

Dietary restrictions that are not based on a documented medical need cannot be guaranteed. This includes preferences related to dyes, ingredients, religious practices, or lifestyle choices. Our priority must be providing safe meals for students with medical conditions.

If you have questions or need to begin a dietary modification request, please contact the Child Nutrition Department.

Sincerely,

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