

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS AND/OR FOOD ALLERGIES

There have been changes in the Special Diet/Allergen Protocols for Jubilee Charter Center Students. Please read the information below carefully.

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Special Dietary Needs Form

Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) – Child Nutrition Guidelines are as follows.

- The attached form must be completed for Special Dietary Requests – **Physician Order Form - Food Allergy/Special Dietary Needs/Disability Action Plan**. Other physician forms will not be accepted.
- Each special dietary request must be supported by a statement that explains the food substitution that is requested.
- It must be signed by a State recognized medical authority.
- The physician statement must identify:
 - The child's disability;
 - An explanation of why the disability restricts the child's diet;
 - The major life activity affected by the disability;
 - The food or foods to be omitted from the child's diet and the food or choice of foods that must be substituted.

Please provide a copy of the (TDA) Eating and Feeding Evaluation: Children with Special Dietary Needs to both the school nurse and cafeteria manager.

Please contact Debbie Williams-Gilford, Child Nutrition Director, if you need assistance with special dietary needs. Due to delivery times, unforeseen situations and manufacture's warehouse supply, menu substitutions may be made with alternate food items on hand.

A recognized medical authority may need to mark, sign and date menus for children with special dietary needs if needed.

The Child Nutrition Director will communicate to site Cafeteria Manager on guidelines and will follow these marked menus during the school year.

Please introduce your child to the cafeteria manager as well as the school nurse so he/she is familiar with your child and dietary needs.

Milk Substitutions

USDA has issued a new ruling to school districts addressing milk substitutes for children with allergies. The Child Nutrition Department can no longer substitute juice or water for milk.

Students that are not able to tolerate milk due to lactose intolerance will now have the ability to choose lactose free milk as an equivalent milk substitute.

The lactose free milk will be available to all students receiving a breakfast or lunch or afterschool snack and to students that wish to purchase the lactose free milk without purchase of a meal.

It is no longer necessary for the Child Nutrition Department to request or maintain information on a student's milk tolerance since the lactose free milk will be available to all students.

Food Allergens-Peanut/Nut Allergies

Jubilee Academic Centers does not contact food manufacturers to determine if food items are manufactured in a plant where peanuts, nuts or any other allergens may be present in trace amounts.

Jubilee Academic Centers tries to avoid products known to contain peanuts as an ingredient.

Jubilee cannot guarantee that foods purchased have not been in contact with peanuts or other nuts during manufacturing.

Products stocked within the campuses may change due to supplier changes or substitutions. Manufacturers may also change formulation and ingredient profiles without the knowledge of Jubilee Academic Center Child Nutrition Department.

If a parent has a question concerning the make-up a particular food item, the parent is welcome to view any ingredient label on food products onsite at the school cafeteria. Please make an appointment with the cafeteria manager during non-serving times.

For students that have severe allergies it is strongly suggested that parents discuss with physician and have a marked menu for the cafeteria staff to follow or are encouraged to bring meals from home. A recognized medical authority may need to mark, sign and date menus for children with severe allergies if indicated.

The Child Nutrition Department cannot be solely responsible for insuring a child's menu selections are free from allergens, it involves parent, school nurse, physician as well as the child.

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