



PROVIDING MEAL SUBSTITUTIONS FOR STUDENTS:

Madison Consolidated Schools adheres to specific USDA guidelines in providing special diet accommodations for students. In accordance with the criteria set forth in 7 C.F.R Part 15B, those students who are unable to eat the school meal due to a disability/medical need/or impairment are accommodated, at no additional charge. Dietary needs due to lifestyle and religious reasons are important to our school but not a requirement by USDA to make accommodations. Our school will try to accommodate lifestyle and religious needs through our current menu choices. Please review the following information if your child requires special diet consideration.

Per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, parents have a right to an evaluation of your child if the District has reason to believe that your child has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (which can involve eating/digestion). You have the right to this evaluation before any plan for accommodation. Request for meal accommodations should be directed to your child's school nurse and should include:

- Information about the child's physical or mental impairment that is sufficient to allow the SFA to understand how it restricts the child's diet.
- An explanation of what must be done to accommodate the child's disability, and
- The food or foods to be omitted and recommended alternatives, in the case of a modified meal.
- The safety of your child comes first. If you have a child with a disability/medical need or impairment, please submit your request for accommodation, available from your child's school's nurse or the MCS Food Service Department by completing this form and submitting to your child's school nurse.

If the household feels accommodations are not being met, they have the right to contact the 504 Coordinator and:

- File a grievance if they believe a violation has occurred regarding the request for a reasonable modification;
- Receive a prompt and equitable resolution of the grievance;
- Request and participate in an impartial hearing to resolve their grievances;
- Be represented by counsel at the hearing;
- Examine the record; and
- Receive notice of the final decision and a procedure for review, i.e., right to appeal the hearing's decision.