

Re: Food & Nutrition Department  
Special Dietary Needs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

If your child has been determined by a physician to have a medical condition that restricts their diet and requires dietary accommodations a Diet Prescription Form must be completed by a medical authority and returned to the health office.

Your child's school:

1. Will make meal modifications when prescribed by a medical authority (MD, DO, PA, or ARNP) to accommodate a disability.
2. Will provide a soy milk alternative in place of fluid cow's milk due to a food allergy/intolerance when prescribed by a medical authority.  
Note: Milk is not a required meal component and can be declined by any student.
3. Will not make meal modifications for requests that can be accommodated through menu choices.
4. Will not make meal modifications for requests that do not rise to the level of a disability, such as dietary preferences.

The Diet Prescription Form must be completed by a "medical authority" that is authorized by state law to write medical prescriptions: In Iowa this includes only Medical Doctors (MD), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO), Physician's Assistants (PA), or Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ANRP).

The Diet Prescription Form is available on the District website at [www.cr.k12.ia.us](http://www.cr.k12.ia.us) (located under school forms) as well as available at your school health office.

There will be no additional cost to a modified meal due to a medical condition. Notice of procedural rights are available on the districts website and through Office of Learning and Leadership.

When requesting meal modification please allow processing time for the completed Diet Prescription Form to be received, reviewed and implemented in your school's cafeteria.

If you have questions or need assistance, please call the Food & Nutrition Department at 319-558-2305.

Sincerely,

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