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To: Parent and Guardians

From: Ruth Conner

**Food Service Director** 

**Date:** August 4, 2025

**Subject:** Food Allergy

Food allergies are a very serious issue for children and their families. The USDA Child Nutrition Program recognizes the importance of following medical directives for food allergies.

Meal modifications are implemented based upon medical assessment and treatment planning and must be ordered by a recognized medical authority. Schools cannot make food substitutions or alter the student's diet without proper documentation from the healthcare provider.

An <u>annual</u> medical script is required for each child describing their allergy and diet recommendations. A recognized medical professional signature is required on this document (this documentation is required <u>each</u> year).

SUBMIT THIS MEDICAL DOCUMENTATION to your child's school administrator, nurse, or food service staff during the first week of school, or throughout the school year when changes may occur. If you have any questions, please contact the Child Nutrition Services at 716-816-3688. We want to collaborate with you to ensure your child is safe and has a mealtime plan that everyone will be happy with.

cc: School Administrator Nurse

Food Service Staff

We encourage you to visit the Food Service website by scanning the QR code. You can view the Parent page, where you can access the school food menus. The webpage also includes allergen information, nutrition resources and so much more.

