

PARENTS: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

REGARDING STUDENT LUNCHES (PK-8 grades)

We are required to serve milk with school lunches, as well as providing all the components of a well-balanced meal. If that meal pattern is broken, without proper exemption documentation, we are required to charge a la cart prices on individual items taken (which could increase the cost of the lunch). As a result, we will not receive the “healthy meal” reimbursement from Texas Dept. of Agriculture/U.S.D.A., which this program vitally needs to provide FRESH fruits & vegetables on a daily basis.

In order to substitute the milk on a child’s lunch (because of dairy allergy or intolerance), we need a “Food Exception Request Form” filled out and authorized by a physician. These are available in your school nurse’s office. Please note as to whether the milk allergy is TOTAL dairy products, just liquid milk, or if dairy is acceptable if included in ingredients and the product is cooked. Juice is no longer an acceptable substitution for milk. Lactose-free milk will now be the alternate product provided.

If you have a student with other food allergies or intolerances needing to be exempted from their lunch, please fill out the same form and return it to your school nurse or cafeteria manager as soon as possible. These exemptions will be noted on your child’s lunch account and will be viewed, by the cashier, at the checkout register. The exemptions will not be removed from the student’s account without parent permission.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

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