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Students participating in the National School Lunch Program who are new to Eagle Mountain-Saginaw Independent School District (ISD) or newly diagnosed with a medical condition or disability and who require a special diet must print and submit a _____ The information on this form is confidential and to be used for special dietary needs only.

1. For medical conditions or allergies that do not require a change to the cycle menu, parents or guardians may complete the "Allergy Anaphylaxis Form" and return it to the school nurse. An example of this might be an allergy to watermelon. A note is placed into the student's Child Nutrition account stating that they have an allergy to watermelon. The note pops-up at the point-of-sale in the cafeteria and alerts the staff that the student cannot have watermelon.
2. For medical disabilities requiring menu substitutions that cannot be fulfilled using the regular cycle menu, a student may need special dietary modifications and a specialized menu created for the student. The first step in the process of requesting special dietary modifications is to print the "Food Allergy/Disability Substitution Request Form" from the school district website www.emsisd.com on the Child Nutrition Department page or on the Health Services page. A form can also be requested from the school nurse or the Registered Dietitian.
3. The "Food Allergy/Disability Substitution Request Form" must be completed by the parent/guardian by a licensed physician or medical authority. The completed form should then be faxed to the district or emailed to our Child Nutrition Registered Dietitian, Darlene Lopez, at dlopezmonge@ems-isd.net.
4. Please allow at least 2 weeks processing time once the completed forms are returned. This is to ensure that our Registered Dietitian is able to review all food labels and ingredient statements for your student's individual needs. If your child has specific nutritional needs, please provide him or her with a nutritious breakfast and lunch until the arrangements for the special diet request have been made.
5. Please submit forms by _____ in order to ensure your child is able to be provided with a modified menu on the first day of school. This gives our dietitian a 2-week time frame to create a menu for your child.

If your child had dietary modifications during the previous school year, the Registered Dietitian will contact you in June or July to ensure our staff is aware of any changes that might be required. For students with dietary modifications during the previous school year, modifications will resume and be available at the beginning of the new school year unless the Child Nutrition Department receives a physician or parent signed statement discontinuing the modifications.

USDA regulations 7 CFR Part 15b require substitutions or modifications in school meals for children whose disabilities restrict their diets. A child with a disability must be provided substitutions in foods when that need is supported by a statement signed by a licensed physician. The physician's 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(s) to be omitted from the child's diet and/or the food or choice of foods that must be substituted
specific substitutions needed must be specified in a statement signed by a licensed physician

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, a "person with a disability" is any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, has a record of such an impairment or is regarded as having such an impairment.

The term "physical or mental impairment" includes many diseases and conditions, a few of which