

## **Accommodating Children with Special Dietary Needs**

USDA child nutrition programs support access to healthy meals to all children, including children with disabilities who have special diet needs. Under the law, a disability is an impairment which substantially limits a major life activity, which includes allergies and digestive conditions, but does not include personal diet preferences.

The Davenport School district will make reasonable modifications to meals on a case by case basis to accommodate disabilities which restrict a child's diet.

The request for meal modification must include foods to be omitted, how the food impacts the child and food to substitute if needed.

The request must be signed by a STATE recognized medical authority, MD, DO, PA, NP, or ARNP.

Religious and lifestyle choices do not qualify as a special diet need or disability.

Requests for special diet forms must be filled out and signed. Calls or contact with parent will be made yearly to update and re-sign forms if needed.

Requests for special diet forms are available at the school nurse's office and kitchen.