

Accommodating Dietary Needs of Children with Disabilities – USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

Commodore Perry School District participates in federal school meal programs and is required to make reasonable accommodations for children who are unable to eat the school meals because of a disability that restricts their diet.

A “Medical Plan of Care for School Food Service” is available at every school and also on the district’s publically accessible website. The “Medical Plan of Care for School Food Service” form may be used to obtain the required information from licensed medical authorities (physician; physician assistant; certified registered nurse practitioner or dentist). The written medical statement must include: (1) an explanation of how the child’s physical or mental impairment (disability) restricts the child’s diet; (2) an explanation of what must be done to accommodate the child; and (3) the food or foods to be omitted and recommended alternatives, if appropriate. Your submission of this written medical statement will likely trigger the evaluation process under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 for determination of whether your child is eligible for protections under that federal statute.

School Nutrition Program Contact: For more information about requesting accommodations to school meals and the meal service for students with disabilities at Commodore Perry School District please contact: Brenda DeSantis, metzfoods@cpanthers.org, 724-253-3255 Ext. 1228.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, Commodore Perry School District is prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), religious creed, disability, age, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (833)620-1071, or by writing a letter to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant’s name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA:

(1) By mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 2025-9410; or

(2) By fax: (833)256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

(3) By email: program.intake@usda.gov