Dear Parent or Guardian,

According to your student’s health record or past school records, you have indicated that your child has a food allergy or special food request. In order for the school to be able to accommodate your child’s needs, we need certain documentation from your Healthcare Provider. In this letter you will find the instructions and documents needed to finalize your requests.

Per Office of Superintendent of Pupil Instruction, “USDA Child Nutrition Programs support access to healthy meals to all children, including children with disabilities who have special dietary needs. Under the law, a disability is an impairment which substantially limits a major life activity, which can include allergies and digestive conditions, but does not include personal diet preferences.” Families requesting meal accommodations should submit a proper request filled out by your Healthcare Provider including PA’s, ARNP’s, MD’s, DO’s, and Naturopaths. The request for accommodations needs to include: Food(s) to be omitted/avoided from the child’s diet, how the ingestion of the food impacts the child, and food(s) to be substituted.

In order to ensure your child’s safety in this matter, please have your Healthcare Provider fill out the Provider section of the form. There is also a Parent Section of the form which must be filled out before returning the document to the school. The forms may be faxed, mailed, or delivered to the school. A copy of the form will be given to Nutrition Services as well as kept in the student’s health record. These is also a Parent form, “Food Allergy Information for School District” which gives us specific information about your child’s reactions. The nurse may call to confirm or ask questions regarding the form as needed or in some cases, set up a meeting to ensure the proper accommodations are made.

We are no longer required to update nutrition accommodation requests yearly. However, this year, the form has changed to meet the new requirements. So we are asking for an updated form for the year 2018-19. Please note that next year, as long as the accommodations have not changed, we will not require new documentation. Just a written confirmation from parent/guardian that the child’s needs have not changed and you would like the accommodations to continue as planned.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school. Thank you for helping keep our students safe!

Sincerely,

Nurse Sarah

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Wilson Creek School District Nurse
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Reference:
http://www.k12.wa.us/ChildNutrition/Programs/NSLBP/pubdocs/SpecialDietaryNeedsReferenceSheetNSLP.pdf

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