

SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Parents/guardians may request, in writing, a fluid milk substitution for their student with a medical or special dietary need without providing a statement from a medical authority. The milk substitute requested must be nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk and meet the nutritional standards set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for Child Nutrition Programs. The milk alternative will be high in protein, calcium, and other vitamins and minerals just like regular milk. It is the goal of the Child Nutrition Department to promote student health by providing nutrient rich choices for students unable to have milk.

Fruit Juice, Water, Oat Milk, and Almond Milk do not qualify as milk substitutes. As these options do not meet the USDA nutrient standards for a milk substitute. Currently, for those that are lactose intolerant the only qualifying milk alternative is lactose-free milk and for those who are allergic to milk products the alternative is soymilk.

Student's Name (Print):
Student's ID #
☐My student is lactose intolerant*
☐I DO want my student to be given the milk alternative (lactose-free milk)
☐I DO NOT want my student to be given the milk alternative (lactose-free milk)
*If lactose intolerant, mark if student <u>CAN</u> eat:
□Cheese
□Yogurt
☐Ice Cream
☐My student is allergic to milk products
☐I DO want my student to be given the milk alternative (soy milk)
□I DO NOT want my student to be given the milk alternative (soy milk)
Cultural/Religious dietary preferences to be aware of for student: □No Pork
Other:
Please sign and date the letter and return it to the school cafeteria, school nurse, or Child Nutrition office.
Parent Signature:
Date:

Thank you for your cooperation and if you have any questions please call Crystal Cahall in the Child Nutrition Department (302) 653-3134.

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Inquiries should be directed to the District Superintendent.



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