

Marshall County Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian of Persons Requiring Special Diets:

The West Virginia Department of Education requires a completed medical statement to be completed for any child requiring a special diet. In order to modify meals to meet such needs, federal regulations require that Marshall County have on file a medical statement signed by a licensed physician (MD, DO). This statement helps to ensure that the physician's orders are clearly communicated and carried out. **The parent/guardian's signature must also be on the medical statement.** In addition, the parent/guardian may sign a Release of Information Statement that would give medical authorities the permission to release information about your child's special diet. Definitions of disability and other special dietary needs are also available.

Marshall County may also provide modified meals to non-disabled individuals whose medical conditions require special diets. Substitutions to the regular diet may be provided on a case-by-case basis. For non-disabled children, the required medical statement must be signed either by a physician or other recognized medical authority. These authorities include medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO), nurse practitioner (CRNP) or physician's assistant (PA). **Please note that for non-disabling medical conditions juice cannot be substituted for milk even when prescribed by a licensed physician. Also, special accommodations will not be made for vegetarians.**

If you need additional guidance, please contact Debbie Derico, SNS, Child Nutrition Director at 304-843-4400 x 338 or dkderico@access.k12.wv.us.

Sincerely,

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