



Adelanto Elementary School District

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Re: Religious Restrictions

Dear _____ parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____,

In response for requests for special meals, we have enclosed some information that may be necessary to clarify your request.

Please review the enclosed document so that you will understand the terms “Special Dietary Needs”, “Food Allergy” and “Food Intolerance” when requesting the assistance of the Child Nutrition Department. Please note that the Adelanto School District will make substitutions based on the medical necessity as outlined by medical authority.

Religious choices are considered preferences per the United States Department of Agriculture. USDA regulations state that we must offer all five components (Milk, Bread, Protein, Fruit and Vegetable) but the child may select a minimum of three items (offer vs. serve). Given this option most students are able to select foods meeting or respecting religious values. Menus are sent home with students every month showing these daily choices. In addition, the menu is posted on our website www.aesd.net complete with meal nutritional values.

Thank you for your interest in the National School Lunch Program. If you are not satisfied with the options available, you may contact the USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 or 202-720-5964 (voice & TDD). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Sincerely,

Julie Calderon
Director of Child Nutrition Services, Adelanto Elementary School District

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