## ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL

12013 6th St, Houston TX, 77072

## REQUEST FOR DIET MODIFICATION:

The Texas Department of Agriculture requires that the school nutrition program must provide reasonable accommodations for the reimbursable meals at no additional charge and after school snacks when (1) a student's disability restricts his/her diet and (2) the disability is supported by a medical statement signed by a medical authority who is licensed by the State of Texas to write medical prescriptions. Therefore, the Texas Department of Agriculture requires that the school maintain an updated diet order on file providing these special dietary accommodations.

A completed Physician's Statement if required to accommodate diet modifications. The Physician Statement is available at the school office or the link on this page. A medical authority who is Licensed by the State of Texas to write medical prescriptions must complete the form. Submit the completed Physician Statement to your child's teacher. Please ensure that it is completely filled out with all the required information, including appropriate substitutions, so the Child Nutrition Manager can promptly process the request and begin dietary accommodations as soon as possible. Incomplete forms or forms missing information will take longer to process. Until the form has been processed, students will receive a regular lunch tray or they can bring a lunch from home.

The Physician Statement needs to be renewed only when dietary needs change. Discontinuation of an accommodation for diet modification can be submitted in writing by medical authority who is Licensed by the State of Texas to write medical prescriptions or child's parent/guardian. Phone number must be included on the statement from parent/guardian. Send statement to the school's office. The office will call the parent or guardian to verify the request prior to making any change. Changes to dietary treatment must be in writing by State licensed healthcare professional.

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## Policy on Accommodating Students with Medical Disabilities and Special Dietary Needs

- 1. For students with food allergies, disabilities or who are medically certified as having a special medical or dietary need, parent/s may fill out a request for diet modification.
- 2. Parent/s will be notified of AMCS decision on request within three business days from the date of receipt of the request.
- 3. The office will attach a completed meal accommodation tracking form.
- 4. Copy of the accommodation tracking form will be given to the kitchen manager to prepare meal accommodation as specified.
- 5. These food modifications/substitutions are prepared and served without additional charge for students with special dietary needs.
- 6. Under no circumstances is the school food service staff to revise or change a direct prescription or medical order.