

Food Allergy and Special Dietary Requests

At Pella Community School District we care about the health of your child and understand that some children may have special dietary requirements. If your child has special dietary concerns please contact Food Service at 628-1748 or the School Nurse at your child's building. Please inform your child's teacher of your child's dietary requirements.

We are aware that some students have life threatening food allergies and may require specific instructions in food preparation. Pella Community School Food Service has removed peanut and tree nut products from lunches and snacks during school hours. This includes removing products that have peanuts or tree nuts listed as ingredients in the allergen content labeling. **This does not include products that may be manufactured in a facility that processes peanut or tree nut products.**

If your child has been diagnosed with a disability or life-threatening food allergy and needs a substituted menu, it is required that you, as the parent, have a [Diet Modification Form](#) completed and signed by a physician licensed by the State. Included in this form are specifics from the physician of what your child may and may not eat. Once completed, the form is to be returned to the School Nurse at your child's appropriate building.

Food Service personnel will use the physician directed dietary instructions to attempt to meet the specifics of your child's dietary requirements. The Food Service Department will work closely with you to begin putting this into place as soon as possible. Developing the best dietary plan for your child can take a few weeks. Depending on your child's situation, it may be necessary for you to provide your child a lunch from home until a plan is in place.