# WISCONSIN SCHOOL NUTRITION IN A NUTSHELL

The Special Milk Program: Special Dietary Needs

# Requirements

## Requirements of the Signed Medical Statement

* Describe how the child’s physical or mental impairment affects their diet
* Explanation of what must be done to accommodate
* Signature from a licensed medical practitioner
  + Physician
  + Dentist
  + Optometrist
  + Physician Assistant
  + Advanced Practice Nurse Prescriber
  + Podiatrist

## Requests Supported by a Signed Medical Statement

* School Food Authorities (SFAs) are required to accommodate
* Substitutions do not need to meet the allowable milk types
* SFAs cannot charge extra
* May be claimed for reimbursement

## Requests Without a Signed Medical Statement

* Accommodations are at the SFA’s discretion but must be done equitably for all children who request accommodations
* Fluid milk substitutions must be nutritionally equivalent to cow’s milk

## Additional Resources

* [Special Dietary Needs Webpage](https://dpi.wi.gov/school-nutrition/program-requirements/special-dietary-needs)
* [Q&As: Milk Substitution for Children with Medical or Special Dietary Needs (Non-Disability) SP 07-2010, USDA, 11/12/09](https://www.fns.usda.gov/cn/qas-milk-substitution-children-medical-or-special-dietary-needs)
* [Medical Statement Template](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/medical-statement.pdf)
* [List of Allowable Fluid Milk Substitutes](https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/school-nutrition/pdf/list-of-allowable-fluid-milk-substitutes.pdf)