

New Solutions for Special Diets

Thursday, 10/30/2025, 1:00pm-2:00pm Melissa Manning RDN, My School RD













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By the end of the session, participants will:

- 1. Learn about six unique special diet menu approaches.
- 2. Discover how to implement Top 9 allergen-free meals using new product guides and recipes.
- 3. Harness the power of reports to identify errors in allergens and carb counts.
- 4. Create a special diet action plan to implement immediately.





Special Diet Menu Approach 1:

Special Orders

Student Name:
Classroom:
Date:
I will be eating lunch today and would like the following (choose 1):
Beef Tamale
Nada Burger and Fritos





Special Diet Menu Approach 2:

Great Crate Idea





















Special Diet Menu Approach 3:

Ingredient Swap on the Fly



Hamburger Bun GF Hamburger Bun





Special Diet Menu Approach 4:

Color-Coded Cycle Menus



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Tuesday Cho	Week 1	Monday Cold Overnight Octo	Tuesday	Wedn Supp	or Goodi Bunger	on vo
Monday	Breakfast	Cold Overnight Oats (V)	GF Fig Bars(V)	Chex (GF Cold Pasta (V) Bun - Let Tomatoes on BBQ Pulled of	
Week 2 Chex Cereal GF Fig Amy's Meal: Black Bean Black Bean With	Lunch	Chicken Katsu with Rice with Broccoli	Amy's Meal: Black Bean Verde Tamale served with Corn	BBQ P ¹ Snack Sandy Bun - Bauy on the side	Veggie Chips (V. Maxima Rice serve	hicken d with SS Snack S Snack
Lunch Penne) Amy's Meal: Amy's Neal & Chef's Salad	Supper	BBQ Pulled Chicken Sandwich on Vegan Bun	Chicken Tamale with Rice and Beans served with Corn	SS Snack Pack - chicken jerky bites, crunchy rollers, GF Fig Bar and Fruit Cup	Turkey Sanowith Vegan Bun with Lettuce/Tomato on the Side Made Good Gran Minis Variety Flavo Served With	Ola Chocolate Company Chicken Rice Burrite CF/DF P. Chicken Chow Space Company Chicken Chow Space Chocolate Company Chicken Chocolate Company Chicken Chocolate Chicken Chow Space Chocolate Chicken Chow Space Chicken Chocolate Chicken C
Marinara Served with	Snack	Veggie Chips (V)	Made Good Granola Minis Variety Flavors (V)	Chocolate Chip Crispy Treats (V)	Crunchy Rollers (V) Hippeas Chickpea Puffs Vegan White Cheddar (V)	Crunchy P. Crunchy P. Chicken with Roa
Green Made Minis Crist	Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Friday	Car III Par
Veggie Chips Variety Flavors (V)	Breakfast	Chex Cereal (V)	GF Fig Bars (V)	Vegan Bread Pudding with Spiced Apples (V)	88 Acres Chocolate Sea Salt Bar (V) Cheerios Cereal (V)	Vegan White Cheddar (
Snack	Lunch	Orange Chicken Rice Bowl served with Broccoli	Turkey Sandwich on Vegan Bun with Lettuce/Tomato on the Side	Chicken Tamale with Rice and Beans served with Corn	GF Spaghetti with Chicken and Marinara served with Green Beans Chicken Chow Mein (GF Spaghetti)	sudar (
	Supper	GF Cold Pasta Salad (GF Penne) (V)	BBQ Pulled Chicken with Rice served with Peas and Carrots	SS Snack Pack - chicken jerky bites, crunchy rollers, GF Fig Bar and Fruit Cup	Amy's Meal: GF/DF Bean & Rice Burrito served with Broccoli Rosemary Dijon Pulled Chicken with Roasted Potatoes with Peas & Carrrots	
	Snack	Veggie Chips (V)	Made Good Granola Minis Variety Flavors (V)	Chocolate Chip Crispy Treats (V)	Crunchy Rollers (V) Hippeas Chickpea Puffs Vegan White Cheddar (V)	



Special Diet Menu Approach 5:

Mirror the Monthly Menu Strawberry Allergy

Strawberry Pancakes



Maple Pancakes





Special Diet Menu Approach 6:

NSLP-Compliant Inclusive Menus





Top 9 Allergen Free Inclusive Meals:

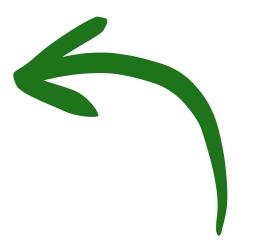
Product Guides → Recipes → Menus



By popular request... seven pages of Top 9 allergen-free NSLP-compliant products WITH Goldstar codes

Top 9 Allergen Friendly Products - My School RD

Meal		GOLDSTAR					
Component	B/L	ITEM #	Description	Brand	Mfg Item No.	Item Category	UOM
G	Lunch	253138	SHELL TACO HARD 6" WG	MEXICAN ORIGINAL	10248500621	HISPANIC	200CT
G	Lunch	203795	TACO SHELL 6" YELLOW	MISSION FOODS	10115	HISPANIC	8/25CT
G	Lunch	300304	TACO SHELL 7" LG YELLOW	MISSION FOODS	10112	HISPANIC	200CT
G	Lunch	248603	TOP N GO RF	TOSTITOS	20510	CHIPS	44/1.40Z
G	Lunch	305803	TORTILLA 6" CORN WG	ROMEROS	160120	FRESH BRD	CS
G	Lunch	600168	TORTILLA 6" FRESH CORN WG	ROMEROS	160120	FRESH BRD	PK
G	Lunch	203549	TORTILLA 6" WHITE CORN	MISSION FOODS	10630	HISPANIC	6/60CT
G	Lunch	303505	TORTILLAS 4.5" CORN WHITE WG	ROMEROS	145060	HISPANIC	CS
GM	Lunch	141104	TACO BEEF 2CT IW	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	TBC35W	HISPANIC	50/4.520Z
GM	Lunch	141309	TACO BEEF BULK	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	TBC35	HISPANIC	100/2.20Z
GM	Lunch	306320	TAMALE BEEF RED SAUCE	DEL REAL	123	HISPANIC	12/4CT
GM	Lunch	138025	TAMALE CHIC RED SAUCE GF WG	DEL REAL	767	HISPANIC	48/50Z
GM	Lunch	138967	TAMALE CHICKEN GREEN GF WG	DEL REAL	783	HISPANIC	48/60Z
GM	Lunch	134584	TAMALES CHIC IN GREEN SAUCE GF	DEL REAL	124	HISPANIC	48/50Z
GM	Lunch	140397	TAQUITOS BEEF	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	BTB61	HISPANIC	100/2.20Z
GM	Lunch	139759	TAQUITOS BEEF	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	BTB61W	HISPANIC	50/4.4OZ
GM	Lunch	138805	TAQUITOS CHICKEN BULK WG	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	CTB43	HISPANIC	100/2.20Z
GM	Lunch	113678	TAQUITOS CHICKEN WG IW	MICHAEL B'S BESTW	CTB43W	HISPANIC	50/4.4OZ
M/MA	Lunch	409711	3 BEAN CHILI BOWL	JTM	5385	BEANS	30/80Z
M/MA	Lunch	403993	3 BEAN VEGETABLE CHILI	JTM	5383	SOUPS	6/5LB
M/MA	Lunch	141056	AL PASTOR GF	DEL REAL	121	PROC PORK	4/5LB
M/MA	Lunch	406495	ALL NATURAL SMOKED TRKY BREAST	JENNIE O	257412	PROC TKY	6/2LB



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Top 9 Allergen Free Products Thank You, Manufacturers! CSNA Annual Conference - 2025



A note of thanks: Your commitment matters Thank you for your commitment to developing top 9 allergen-



Your dedication to creating safe, allergen-free foods lower liability risks, reduce stress for school nutrition teams, and free products. expand menu options for students with special dietary needs.

These innovations make it easier for schools to offer inclusive, nutritious meals that families can trust and students can enjoy with confidence.

- We're expanding our allergen-free product database, Call to Action: and we need your help!
- Scan the QR Code to submit your complete list of top 9 allergen-free products with specification sheets. Please ensure your spec sheets clearly include an allergen statement, such as "Top 9 Allergens: None."
- Help us spread the word to other manufacturers by sharing the QR code. Together, we can make school meals safer, simpler, and more inclusive for all students.





https://bit.ly/MyRDAllergenFree

These manufacturers stood out as providers of Top 9 allergen-free products

Brookwood Farms BBQ

Butterball

Comida Vida (IFS)

Del Real Foods

Don Lee Farms

Frito Lay & Tostitos (PepsiCo)

General Mills

Jennie-0 / Hormel

JTM Food Group

JTM Food Group

Michael B's Foods

Mission Foods

Quaker (PepsiCo)

Red Gold

Rockin'ola

The Amazing Chickpea

Tyson & Advance Pierre

Zee Zees (National FG)



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Hummus cup w/ T. Chips and veggies

Sweet and Sour Chicken over Veggie Fried Rice

Fall Apple Cranberry Turkey Salad with Strawberry Granola and Dried Apple Crisps

Italian Antipasto Salad (Jennie O Italian meats with Balsamic Dressing) and Chips

Taco Salad (Turkey Taco Meat, Black Beans, Diablo Corn Crunchers, Salsa)

Chef Salad (Turkey, Ham, Garbanzo Beans, Cucumber Slices, Shredded Carrots)

with Fritos

Taco Top & Go Nachos with Salsa and Guacamole

BBQ Beef, Seasoned Rice

Pork Carnitas Street Tacos with fresh pico de gallo

Chicken Tinga Tacos

NSLP-Compliant Inclusive Menus

COOL COMBOS FOR KIDS:

*These ideas were created from the Allergen-Free Products List

Shelf-Stable:

- Greek Gods Mediterranean Meal: Hummus, Tostitos Scoops, Dried Peaches
- Protein Picnic Kit: Beef Bites, Fritos Chips, Flavored Fun Applesauce Cup
- Fiesta Fun Box: Refried Bean Dip, Tortilla Chips, Salsa Cup
- Bam Zam Bento Box: Roasted Chickpeas, Dried Cherries, Half-popped Popcorn
- Buncha Sunshine Kit: Sunflower Seeds, Half-Popped Popcorn, Veggie Juice
- Snack Attack! Kit: Flavored Fava Bean Crisps, Flavored Corn Kernels, Dried Fruit Mix
- Take it for Later Treat Box: Tortilla Chips & Chocolate Pea Protein Dip, Dried Fruit Mix
- Home Run Fun Box: "Batter Up" Beef Sticks, Multi-grain Team Cheerios Cereal, Ripple Vanilla Milk
- Charcuterie Box: Salami, Tostitos Scoops, Marinara Sauce Cup
- Breakfast for Lunch Break: Honey Roasted Sunflower Seeds, Blueberry Chex Cereal, Ripple Vanilla Milk,
 Strawberry Applesauce Cup

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2-WEEK BREAKFAST CYCLE MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rice Krispies Cereal	Brown Sugar Oatmeal	Honey Cheerios	Cinnamon Horchata Overnight Oats	Blueberry Chex
Frosted Flakes Cereal	Cinnamon Sugar Oatmeal	Original Cheerios with Honey Drizzle Packet	Granola Crunch Overnight Oats	Cinnamon Chex



2-WEEK SHELF-STABLE LUNCH CYCLE MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Greek Gods			
Buncha Sunchine Kit	Mediterranean Meal	Protein Picnic Kit	Fiesta Fun Box	Bam Zam Bento Box
	Take it For Later Treat			
Home Run Fun Box	Box	Charcuterie Box	Breakfast for Lunch Break	Snack Attack! Kit

3-WEEK HOT/COLD LUNCH CYCLE MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Roasted Chicken & Rice	Southwest Chicken Salad	Shredded Beef Bowl (over	
Chicken Taquitos	Pilaf	& Tortilla Chips	Spanish rice)	Nada Burger and Fritos
	BBQ Chicken Drummies	Black Bean and Corn	MYO Chicken Tacos or MYO	Farmer's Market Salad &
Chicken Tamale	& Seasoned Rice	Salsa & Tortilla Chips	Black Bean Tacos	Fritos
		Chicken Tostada Bowl or		
	Orange Chicken Rice	Vegan Pico Pinto Tostada	Chicken or Chickpea Curry	Crunchy Carnitas Tacos
Chili Dip & Tortilla Chips	Bowl	Bowl	over Rice	with Curtido



Rockin' Reports





Export Your Data Regularly

Meeting 10/4	Action Items:			
Check housem	ade choc muffir	n - 256 cal vs 18	36 for blueberry	but only
CR -155: Blueb	erry Muffin			
CR -154: Choc	olate Chip Muffi	n		
CR -260: Lemo	n Blueberry Mu	ffin		
CR -217: Pump	okin Muffin			
Update chicker	n patty with new	specs: F-G404	679: Chicken, F	atty Tys
Updated milk w	vith new specs:	R-1213: DBeve	rage, Milk 1% V	/hite 8oz
Create Cooked	recipe for Past	a, Rotini 100%	WG Barilla (20L	.B)

How? Watch this

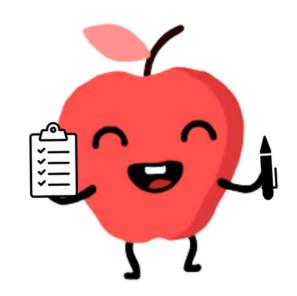
		247.6338 *	(D-GS208261) Honey Roasted Sunflower Seeds	
				Pack
	(CR -61) Hot Corn & Carrot		Seeds, Sunflower Honey Roasted 1.2 oz SUB	189.9998
		1/2 Cup		189.9998
	Vegetables, Corn Canned USDA, 6/#10	25.4167		Double Checked - these look ok
11/5 Action items:	Vegetable, Carrots Diced No Salt Frz USDA, 12/2lb	27.2155	(CR -131) Overnight Oats	
	Butter, Case Solid, Unsalted Driftwood, 30LB	26.9995		2-#8 Scoops (grey)
Pasta and Mashed potatoes were reviewed		79.6318	Water, Tap, Recipe Use	0 *
Training video here			Sugar, Brown	32.3185 *
Muffins still look out of sorts	(R-1293) Blueberry Muffin w/ String Cheese		Baking Vanilla Extract	1.6584 *
Widning Still 1991 Sut of Softs		Muffin + String Cheese	DBeverage, Milk 1% White Gallon Driftwood	30 *
Pinto beans look a little high on calories bu	Blueberry Muffin	186.1617	Spices, Cinnamon Sticks, Jar, 1.5lb	0 *
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	(CR -181) Chocolate Muffin w/ String Cheese	246.1627	Yogurt, Vanilla LF, Driftwood, 32lb/cs Quick Buckeyed Rolled Oats Spices, Cinnamon Ground	5.5 * 161.167 * 0.8753 *
	(or 101) chosolate marini w carring cheese	Chocolate Muffin + String Cheese	opioco, cimiamon cicana	247.6338 *
	Chocolate Chip Muffin	256.4171		241.0000 F
	Cheese, String Lite SUB	60.001	(CR -61) Hot Corn & Carrot	
		316.4181		1/2 Cup

Export Your Data

Super SOP: Sort Your Data

Calorie/
Carb Export

Allergen Export







Not a Nutritionist? Calorie Guidelines:

Category	Typical Calorie Range
Green, Red, and Other Vegetables	10–50 calories
Fruit	25–80 calories
Starchy Vegetables & Beans	75–150 calories
2G Breakfast Breads and Cereals	150–350 calories
Lunch Entrées	300–550 calories
Uncrustables and Parfaits	550–650 calories
NF Unflavored Milk	90 calories
1% and Flavored Milk	120 calories

Calorie Export

Water, Tap, Drinking	0
Spice, Crushed Red Pepper Flakes	0
Italian Seasoning	0
Broccoli, Florets, Frozen, 24 lbs (Sysco)	0
Baked Drumstick, M. Potatoes, Corn Star	0
Vinegar, Distilled	1
Egg & Sausage Breakfast Sandwich	2
Broccoli, Frozen, 24 lbs (Inn Foods)	24
Carrots, Baby, 10 lb	30
Crouton, Seasoned, Cubed, Packet, .25 oz (Monarch)	30
Pears, Diced, #10 can (Del Monte)	30
Breadstick, Honey, 180/1 oz (Shannon's)	35
Cheese, American, Sliced, RS RF (Land O Lakes)	35
Rice, Brown, Long Grain, 25 lb (USDA)	36
Applesauce, Unsweetened, Original, 4.5 oz (Zee Zee	50
Orange, Choice, 38 lb	50
Juice, Apple, 4oz (Suncup)	60
Juice, Orange, 4oz (Producers)	60
Juice, Orange, 4oz (Suncup)	60
Corn, Whole Kernel, #10 Can (USDA)	76
Beans, Refried, Smooth (Santiago)	85
Banana, Petite	89
Apple, Honeycrisp	95
Rice, Brown, Long Grain, 25 lb (Riceland)	96
Pasta, Spaghetti, 2/10 lb (USDA)	98

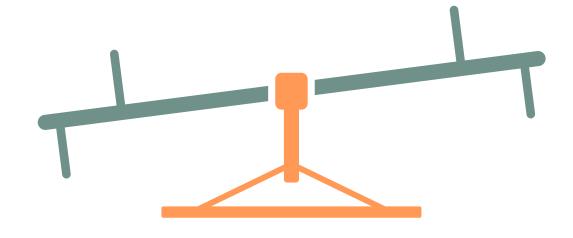
Pancake on a Stick (Don Lee)	173
Pasta, Spaghetti, 10 inch (Barilla)	187
Biscuit, Baked, 2 oz (Pillsbury)	188
Waffle, Mini (Kellogg's)	190
Cinnamon Roll, Dough, 2.5 oz (Richs)	190
Roll, Hoagie, Hinged, 6 inch (Shannon's)	190
Pizza, Breakfast, Sausage, 3.31 oz (Tony's)	200
Biscuit, Baked, 2.25 oz (Pillsbury)	200
Texas Toast, Garlic Bread	200
Concha, Variety Pack	201
Chip, Tortilla, No Salt, Yellow Round, IW, 1.5 oz (Ara	207
Tortilla, Flour 10 inch (Mi Rancho)	210
Buttermilk Bar (Sky Blue)	270
Scone, Dough, Strawberry (FatCat)	276
Chip, Tortilla, Salt, Yellow Round, 2 oz (Aranda's)	277
BeneFIT Bars, Banana Chocolate Chip, 48/2.5oz	280
Chip, Tortilla, No Salt, Yellow Round, 2 oz (Aranda's)	280
Scone, Dough, Chocolate Chip (FatCat)	282
BeneFIT Bars, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip 48/2.5 oz	290
BeneFIT Bars, Apple Cinnamon, 48/2.5oz	290
Pizza, Pepperoni Primo (Big Daddy's)	320
Western Cheeseburger	420
Pasta, Rollups, Lasagna, Cheese, WG, 3.5oz (Marze	380
Chicken Caesar Salad	571
Hot Wings	612
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich	19293



Export Your Data

Not a Nutritionist? Allergen Warning Signs

- Are obvious allergens incorrect?
- Tracking too many allergens?
- Not tracking missing allergens?
- Impossible to track allergens (corn)?
- Are your list of allergens a mess?
- Old Spec Sheets





A Special Note about UPFs

What do you need to know?

- New formulations
- New allergens introduced watch for soy (soy lecithin)
- Same product codes and vendor codes
- Supply Chain lag Don't know when the new products will get to students



Special Diet Action Plan









- Export and Check Calories and Carbs
 - Sort low to high
 - Use Melissa's Math
- Export and Check Allergens
 - Sort by allergen
 - Keyword Search for obvious clues ie "strawberry"
- Clean up Allergen Types
- Add "Allergens Missing" option
- File Fresh Specs
- "Over-haul" = Over the Holidays
- Try a new SD Menu approach
- Menu Inclusive Top 9 Allergen Friendly entrees
- Thank manufacturers for providing great allergen friendly options!





Thank you for attending!

Got questions?



