

**Pennsylvania Department of Education
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management
Division of Food and Nutrition**

Sponsor Name _____ Agreement Number _____

Religious Exemption

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this Religious Exemption form and provide an original signature (in BLUE ink) from the Sponsor Representative or Program Director. **Prior to implementation**, this original form must be submitted to and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). Once executed, this document will become part of the Sponsor's permanent file. A new form must be submitted if there are any changes after initial approval. Submit this fully completed form to:

PA Department of Education
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management
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333 Market Street, 4th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Variation allowances in meal requirements for religious reasons: Jewish schools, institutions, and sponsors.

Jewish facilities may be granted flexibilities with regard to the meal pattern requirement that milk be offered with all meals. Such entities may choose from the alternative options below.

These options apply only to meals containing meat or poultry when participants do not have the opportunity to refuse the milk or meat/poultry through Offer vs. Serve.

Indicate the option of choice for your facility:

- A. ___ Serve an equal amount of non-dairy milk substitute (for medical or special dietary needs) that is nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk.
- B. ___ Serve an equal amount of full-strength juice in place of milk with lunch or supper. When juice is substituted for milk, it may not contribute to the vegetable/fruit requirement. Entities operating five days per week may substitute juice for milk twice per week for lunches and twice for suppers, but no more than once each day. Those operating seven days per week may make three substitutions per week for lunches and three for suppers, but no more than one each day.
- C. ___ Serve milk at an appropriate time before or after the meal service period, in accordance with applicable Jewish Dietary Law.
- D. ___ Serve the snack's juice component at breakfast, lunch, or supper and serve the corresponding meal's milk component as part of the snack.

List the sites for which the Religious Exemption applies: (add more pages if necessary)

Site Number	Site Name and Address	Currently Participating in (check all that apply)
		<input type="checkbox"/> School Nutrition Programs (SNP) <input type="checkbox"/> Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) <input type="checkbox"/> Summer Food Service Program (SFSP)
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This Religious Exemption remains in effect for the duration of the agreement unless amended and approved by PDE.

SPONSOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Sponsor Representative or Program Director, Printed

Title

Signature (in BLUE ink)

Month/Day/Year

Sponsor Representative or Program Director E-Mail Address

Sponsor Representative or Program Director Phone Number

Sponsor Name (must match Sponsor Name on page 1)

Sponsor Address

Sponsor City, State, Zip Code

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Signature

Month/Day/Year