

Cherokee ISD Child Nutrition Civil Rights Complaint Procedures

Cherokee Independent School District provides the Child Nutrition Program benefits to all eligible individuals without discrimination on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex (gender identity), religion, reprisal, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. If you feel in any way that your child has been discriminated against while participating in the Child Nutrition Program, including during the serving of meals to him/her, please follow these procedures in voicing your complaint:

1. Please fill out the Discrimination Complaint Form at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html
2. Take your form to the Child Nutrition Director, Jill Hazelton or your child's principal. All written or verbal complaints will be accepted by the school district and notification sent to the District Superintendent, and forwarded to the Food and Nutrition Division, Texas Department of Agriculture at:

Texas Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Division
P.O. Box 12847
Austin, Texas 78711
Fax: 888-203-6593

3. If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the [USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form](#), found online at http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form.

Send your completed complaint form or letter by mail at:
U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
fax (202) 690-7442
email at program.intake@usda.gov.

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible Agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint](#) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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