Glascock County School District

Special Diet Requests

If your child needs to receive a Special Diet at school during the 2022-2023 school year, please read this information carefully.

The <u>Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act</u> requires schools to follow strict meal patterns and dietary specifications. A reasonable modification to meals for children with diagnosed disabilities that restrict their diet, can be provided based on a medical statement from a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. In addition, students who receive meal modification based on current specific dietary accommodations in their 504 Plan or IEP will receive those accommodations, and we ask for the most current information as dietary needs change.

If you believe your child qualifies for a special diet based on a disability, the Medical Statement for Accommodating Special Dietary Needs for School Nutrition Program form is available on this website. Please complete the form and return it to the School Nutrition Director or School Nurse at the school.

If your child is eligible for a special diet based on the completed form, The School Nutrition Director and or School Nurse will meet with you to establish a menu plan that meets your child's needs.

If you have questions, please contact the School Nutrition Director or School Nurse at 706-598-2121.

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