

**NOTICE OF PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 504
OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) prohibit discrimination based on disability. This district has adopted policies and procedures to ensure compliance with both Section 504 and ADA.

An eligible student under Section 504/ADA is a student who (i) has, (ii) has a record of having, or (iii) is regarded as having, a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Eligible students are entitled to non-discrimination protection, and any appropriate services.

Many students with disabilities will qualify for services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This document addresses the rights of students who qualify only under Section 504.

Parents and/or students have the following rights under Section 504:

1. The right to be informed by the school district of your rights under Section 504.
2. The right to a free and appropriate education designed to meet his or her needs as adequately as non-disabled students. The term "free" excludes fees that are imposed on non-disabled students.
3. The right to be educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
4. The right to an evaluation prior to an initial placement or any significant change of placement.
5. The right to an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
6. The right to an evaluation which includes data from a variety of sources, including cumulative data information, attendance records, discipline data, report card grades curriculum/criterion based assessments, informal teacher observations, parent/student input, medical information and other sources as appropriate. Testing and other evaluation procedures will comply with Section 504 requirements in regards to validation, administration, and areas of evaluation.
7. The right to placement determined by a group of persons with knowledge of (1) the child, (2) the meaning of the evaluation information and (3) the placement options, including the legal requirements for placement in the least restrictive environment.
8. The right to periodic reevaluation, generally every three years.
9. The right to notice prior to any action by the district in regard to the identification, evaluation, or placement under Section 504.
10. The right to exam relevant records.
11. The right to an impartial hearing with respect to the district's actions regarding identification, evaluation, or educational placement. In addition, the right to parent participation in the hearing and the right to representation by an attorney, at your own expense, if desired.

12. The right, if you disagree with the decision of the impartial hearing, to a review of the decision by a court of competent jurisdiction.

13. The right to file a local grievance with respect to alleged disability discrimination with the district's designated Section 504 coordinator. The contact information is:

District Section 504 Contact Name

Address

Telephone:

Fax:

Email address

14. The right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. The contact information is:

Local Office

Office for Civil Rights

Address

Telephone:

Fax:

Email address