

PARENTS RIGHTS IN BRIEF
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student with a disability. It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational accommodations, if needed. Below is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep parents fully informed concerning decisions about their child and to inform parents of their rights if they disagree with any of these decisions.

Parents have the following rights under Section 504:

1. The right for your child to take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
2. The right for your child to receive a free appropriate public education which includes the right of your child to be educated with students without handicaps to the maximum extent appropriate.
3. The right to have educational evaluation and placement decisions made based upon information from a variety of sources and by persons who know the needs of the student, the meaning of the evaluation data and placement options.
4. The right to a manifestation determination review before any disciplinary removal of your child that constitutes a significant change in placement, in order to determine if your child's misconduct was related to his/her disability.
5. The right to receive notice a reasonable time before the District identifies, evaluates or changes your child's placement.
6. The right to inspect and review all of your child's educational records, including the right to obtain copies of education records at a reasonable rate.
7. The right to receive all information in the parents/guardians' native language and primary mode of communication.
8. The right to periodic re-evaluations and evaluations before any significant change in placement.
9. The right to have your child receive reasonable accommodations if required to access the educational program in a manner similar to his/her non-disabled peers.
10. The right for your child to have an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
11. The right to file a grievance with the school district over an alleged violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
12. Right to request an impartial due process hearing under the District's Section 504 Procedures and Procedural Safeguards for any claim related to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of your child, to participate in and be represented by legal counsel at the hearing at your own expense and to appeal the hearing decision.