

What is Section 504?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 was designed to eliminate discrimination against any student with a disability in any program offered by the school district. Section 504 states that:

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any other program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who, based on an evaluation,

Has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, seeing, speaking, caring for one's self, working, helping, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, and operation of a bodily function.

Parent/Student Rights

- The parent(s) or guardian of students being considered for Section 504 eligibility shall be given the "Notice of Parent and Student Rights" under Section 504.
- The parent(s) or guardian must be notified in writing of all District decisions concerning the identification, evaluation or placement of their student in Section 504.
- The parent(s) or guardian has the right to review student records as per Board Policy.
- The parent(s) or guardian has the right to appeal the decisions of the Campus 504 Committee and to question the implementations of individual accommodations to the District 504 Director.
- The parent(s) or guardian has the right to an impartial hearing (either with or without legal representation) as to District decisions concerning the identification, evaluation or placement of a disabled student under Section 504. The request for hearing must be filed with the District Director for Section 504, at 6013 Fountainwood, San Antonio, TX 78233. The request must include: a) the specific nature of the disagreement, b) specific relief or correction needed, and c) any other information that may be helpful in understanding the request.
- Finally, you have the right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights in Dallas.

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