

**PARENT/GUARDIAN AND/OR STUDENT PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS AND RIGHTS  
UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT**

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, students with qualifying disabilities are entitled to receive a free appropriate public education and non-discrimination, which includes the right to an education with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. Section 504 provides the following rights:

1. Your child has the right to a free and appropriate education in the least restrictive environment that is designed to meet his/her individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met.
2. Your child has a right to non-discrimination and to facilities, services, and activities that are comparable to those provided for nondisabled students.
3. Your child has a right to an evaluation prior to an initial Section 504 placement and any subsequent significant change of placement.
4. Placement decisions must be made by a group of persons (i.e., the Section 504 Committee), including persons knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation data, the placement options, and the legal requirements for a least restrictive environment.
5. You have the right to obtain copies and examine relevant records prior to any action by the District in regard to the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child or upon request.
6. You have the right to an impartial hearing with respect to the District's actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, or educational placement. You have the right to participate and to be represented by an attorney at your expense.
7. You have the right to receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
8. You have the right to request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child.
9. You may challenge the actions of the District's Section 504 Committee in regard to your child's identification, evaluation, or educational placement by filing a Complaint with the District's Section 504 Coordinator within 30 calendar days from the time you received written notice of the Section 504 Committee's action(s). A hearing will be scheduled before an impartial hearing officer, and you will be notified in writing of the date, time, and place for the hearing. You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights. Contact information is available from the Section 504 Coordinator.
10. For Section 504 matters other than your child's identification, evaluation, and placement, you have a right to file a complaint with the District's Section 504 Coordinator, who will investigate the allegations to the extent warranted by the nature of the complaint in an effort to reach a prompt and equitable resolution.