

SECTION 504

PARENT/CHILD RIGHTS

IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, ELIGIBILITY, AND SERVICES

The following is a description of the rights granted under Section 504 to children with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of disability;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or services for your child;
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities;
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to children without disabilities;
6. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the child, the evaluation data, and service options;
7. Have your child receive special education and related services if found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;
8. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the child was placed in a program operated by the district;
9. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district;
10. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, and educational services;
11. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;

12. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;
13. 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. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time and advise you of the right to a hearing;
14. File a 504 grievance if you have a disagreement with the school;
15. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or services. You and the child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you;
16. File a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. The regional office is located at: U.S. Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, CO 80204-3582, (303) 844-5695; TDD (303) 844-3417.
17. Obtain more information about Section 504 by contacting the district's Section 504 Coordinator or the Office for Civil Rights.

- *Please contact the counseling office in your school with questions about Section 504.*
- *The person in the district who is responsible for assuring compliance with Section 504 is Dr. Jim Smith, Executive Director for Learning Services, 234-1200.*