



PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS

(Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with handicaps. The intent of this 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. Please keep this explanation for future reference.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling conditions;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child;
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities;
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided students without disabilities;
6. Have your child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 101-476) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
7. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options;
8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district;
9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement;
10. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
11. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;
12. 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.
13. Request mediation or a Section 504 hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the Director of Student Services, Michelle Gallo (Section 504 District Coordinator).
14. File a local grievance. A copy of the District 204 "Grievance Procedure" as it applies to Section 504 is available from the Section 504 District or Building Coordinator. Please call and a copy will be immediately sent to you.

The person in District #204 who is responsible for insuring that the district complies with Section 504 is Michelle Gallo, Director of Student Services. The telephone number is 630-375-3307.