

Education: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act

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The Education Program complies with the policies and procedures of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act - Nondiscrimination under Federal Grants and Programs. This entitlement exists for all eligible youth, including those involved in the juvenile justice system. Section 504 includes school-age children who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Section 504 is a broad civil rights law which protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.

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- A. The Education Program identifies all students as disabled who meet the definition of Section 504: Disabled students include those who have an impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. Major life activities include walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, caring for oneself and performing tasks. The condition need only substantially limit one major life activity in order for the student to qualify.
- B. Consistent with Section 504, the Education Program has a coordinator, grievance process, procedural safeguards and impartial hearing requirements.
- C. Eligible students perform essential functions of school with reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations include making facilities accessible or usable as well as modifying equipment or devices.
- D. A group of individuals who are knowledgeable about the student, evaluation data, and accommodation options convenes and develops a written plan of services.
- E. Parents and/or legal guardians are notified and have an opportunity to participate in any 504 planning meetings and decisions. They may be represented by legal counsel.