

Section 504 Procedural Safeguards

Parent and Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation and Placement

Below is a description of the rights granted by federal law to parents and students with disabilities. The intent of this document is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your student and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. You have the right to the following:

- Right to have your student with disabilities take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability;
- Right to receive all information in the parent's or guardian's native language or primary other mode of communication;
- Right to have your student receive a free appropriate public education which includes the right of the student to be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate;
- Right to have your student have equal opportunity to participate in school programs and extracurricular activities sponsored by the school;
- Right to receive notice in a reasonable time before a district identifies, evaluates or changes your student's placement;
- Right to inspect and review all of your student's educational records, including the right to obtain copies of education records at a reasonable cost unless the cost would deny you access to the records, and the right to amend the record if you believe information contained in the record is inaccurate or misleading. If the school district refuses to amend the record, you have a right to request a hearing;
- Right to have educational evaluation and placement decisions made based on information from a variety of sources and by persons who know the needs of the student, meaning of evaluation data, and placement options;
- Right to periodic reevaluation and evaluation before any significant change in placement; and
- Right to an impartial hearing if you disagree with the school district's proposed action. You will be an active participant. You have the right to be represented by counsel in the impartial hearing process. You have the right to appeal the impartial hearing officer's decision.

Please Keep This Explanation for Future Reference