

Section 504 – Students

In order to meet the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADA), the following procedures have been established:

Definitions

1. A student is considered a “qualified individual with disabilities” under Section 504 if he/she:
 - a. Has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, even when mitigating measures, such as medication, prosthetics, hearing aids, etc., ameliorate the effects of the disability (e.g., any student receiving services under the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA), students with diabetes). The term does not cover students disadvantaged by cultural, environmental or economic factors;
 - b. Has a record or history of such an impairment (e.g., a student with learning disabilities who has been decertified as eligible to receive special education under IDEA, a student who had cancer, a student in recovery from chemical dependencies);
 - c. Is regarded as having such an impairment. A person can be found eligible under this provision if he/she:
 - (1) Has a physical or mental impairment that does not substantially limit a major life activity but is treated by the district as having such a limitation;
 - (2) Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity only as a result of the attitudes of others towards such impairment (e.g., a student who is obese);
or
 - (3) Has no physical or mental impairment but is treated by the district as having such an impairment (e.g., a student who tests positive with the HIV virus but has no physical effects from it).
 - d. Has a qualifying disability that is episodic or in remission.
2. “Physical or mental impairment” means any physiological disorder or condition, cosmetic disfigurement, or anatomical loss affecting one or more of the following body systems: neurological; musculoskeletal; special sense organs; respiratory including speech organs; cardiovascular; reproductive; digestive; genito-urinary; hemic and lymphatic; skin; and endocrine; or any mental or psychological disorder, such as mental retardation, organic brain syndrome, emotional or mental illness and specific learning disabilities;