

## **Section 504 Parent/Student Rights**

Below is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students who have a disability that substantially limits a major life activity. 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:

- Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- Receive all information in the parent's/guardian's native language or primary mode of communication.
- Have your child receive equal opportunity to participate in academic or nonacademic programs and extracurricular activities sponsored by the school.
- Have your child receive a free appropriate public education which includes the right to be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate.
- Receive notice within a reasonable time before the district evaluates your child, determines eligibility or develops your child's plan.
- Inspect your child's educational records and obtain copies at reasonable cost unless the cost would deny you access to the records.
- Have the right to amend the record if you believe information is inaccurate or misleading.
- Have decisions made based on information from a variety of sources and by persons who know the needs of the student and are knowledgeable about the information and the options available.
- Have a periodic review of your child's 504 plan before changes are made.
- Have an impartial hearing if you disagree with the school district's proposed action.
   You have the right to be represented by counsel and to appeal the impartial hearing officer's decision.
- The request for a hearing should be made in writing to the District 504 Coordinator.
   The hearing will be held within 30 days from the receipt of the request.

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