

TITLE: SECTION 504 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

No child will be excluded from any educational program or be subject to discrimination because he or she is an “individual with a disability,” as the term is defined in Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Protected individuals include any person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person’s major life activities, has a record of such impairment or is regarded as having such impairment.

The Central Office Director in charge of Special Education is charged with the responsibility of serving as the District’s Section 504/ADA Coordinator and is a contact person for questions related to Section 504/ADA. A Section 504/ADA contact for each school has been trained to serve as a resource for parents, guardians and staff.

Any student, or any student’s parent or guardian, may file a grievance in accordance with the administrative regulations and procedures adopted pursuant to this policy if he/she believes his/her rights under this policy or Section 504/ADA have been violated.

The Superintendent shall establish regulations and procedures [Procedural Safeguards] for implementation of this policy. These procedures shall be available through the Section 504/ADA coordinator and the Section 504/ADA contact at each school.

Under Section 504, the school district has the responsibility to identify, evaluate and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

Review Schedule. This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule published by the Superintendent.

Legal Authority: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 701 et seq.; Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12131 et seq.

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