

Dear Health Care Professional,

Thank you for your commitment to helping children with special needs in our community. We at Davis School District are equally committed to helping all children.

The purpose of this letter is two-fold: First, to provide information to expedite the care of students in Davis schools; and second, to share contact information for further communication.

We rely on your expertise to diagnose and provide history and information on medical conditions that impact a student's educational functioning. As educators, our task is to take the information you provide and evaluate how a student's disability, condition, or diagnosis impacts educational performance. If current educational data indicates a need for accommodations and specialized instruction, the school and parent design a plan based on the student's specific needs. Davis School District is able to provide appropriate services to meet educational needs in order for students to become as independent as possible.

In order to expedite care and determine students' educational needs, we look for **a summary of some of the following information** (as appropriate) in a letter from you:

- Medical/developmental history information
- A specific diagnosis/syndrome
- Symptoms the student is experiencing
- Skills impacted by the student's condition
- Duration that the condition will last; if appropriate
- Prognosis; if appropriate
- Treatment plan or Health Care plan; if appropriate
- Rehab/treatment logs
- Length of time the student has been under your care

Decisions about services in the school (including accommodations, modifications, extra peer/adult assistance, etc.) are made by a team of school personnel familiar with the student and programs, parents, and if appropriate; the student. Consequently, ideas and recommendations regarding educational services made by outside evaluators will be considered, but will not always be implemented in the school setting.

You may have already received a copy of our pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions about Special Education and 504." Hopefully this can become a ready reference for your office and simplify your explanation of these programs. We want families to have the appropriate information early in this process. Please feel free to make copies and distribute them as families ask for information, and refer them back to their neighborhood school for more help.

Thank you again for your work. If you have further questions, or would need additional copies of the pamphlet, please contact us at (801)402-5169, or check out our websites at

<http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/dsd/specialed> and <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/dsd/504>

Sincerely,

Davis School District Special Education and 504 Departments