

Section 504

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 504  
OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 AS IT  
IS RELATED TO HANDICAPPED STUDENTS**

It is the policy of the Board of Education of the Lakeland School District to provide a free and appropriate public education to each handicapped student within its jurisdiction.

It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are handicapped within the definition of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against handicapped persons. Students in the Lakeland School District who are deemed handicapped shall not be denied the opportunity to participate in or to benefit from the educational services provided by the district, i.e., to receive a free appropriate education. Such educational service will be the same as for non-handicapped students unless it can be shown a different or separate service is necessary in which case the different or separate service must be as effective as that provided to non handicapped students.

A handicapped person means any person who:

- a. has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more life activities;
- b. has a record of such an impairment, or;
- c. is regarded as having such an impairment.

A major life activity means functions such as care for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.

To ensure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 the Lakeland School District shall:

- a. Identify a compliance officer and establish a grievance procedure.
- b. Attempt to locate and identify qualified handicapped persons residing in the district's jurisdiction.

- c. Take appropriate steps to notify handicapped persons and their parents and guardians of their rights under Section 504.
- d. Ensure qualified handicapped persons receive a free appropriate public education consisting of regular and/or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the educational needs of the handicapped person.
- e. Provide for a preplacement evaluation to determine if a person is a qualified handicapped person under the provisions of Section 504.
- f. Provide for the periodic reevaluation of qualified handicapped persons.

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