

**EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

It is the intent of the Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD) to ensure that students served by PSESD programs and are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled under this policy even though they are not eligible for services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a civil rights law which protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. A child is a “qualified disabled person” under Section 504 if he or she:

- A. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating and working), has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment; and
- B. Is between the ages of 3 to 21 years old.

PSESD will comply with the federal policies that require free appropriate public education, childfind, equal educational opportunity, confidentiality of information, parent involvement, participation in least restrictive environment, evaluations, placement, reevaluation, programming to meet individual needs, placement procedures, nonacademic services, preschool and adult education programs, disciplinary exclusion, transportation, procedural requirements, appropriate funding, accessibility, special issues related to drug or alcohol addicted students, special considerations for students having AIDS or HIV infection, and special issues related to ADD/ADHD students.

Cross Reference:	Policy 2161	Education of Students with Disabilities
Legal References:	42 USC 12212	Section 512 Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990
	34 CFR Part 104	Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
	45 CFR Part 99	Family Education and Privacy Act

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Relevant Board Governance Policy: Executive Limitations 3, Treatment of Stakeholders