

Education for all

Mankato Area Public Schools' staff and faculty are committed to helping everyone succeed. Discrimination is prohibited in policies and practices regarding district personnel and students under section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. Discrimination against anyone with a disability* will not knowingly be permitted in any school programs or practices.

Staff and faculty work to effectively communicate with those who have disabilities to ensure they are given educational opportunities they have the right to receive. Staff and faculty will help eligible students by identifying, evaluating and providing access to needed educational services.

Parents/guardians who disagree with the district's staff determination have a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act provides parents/guardians rights related to educational records by allowing them to:

Inspect and review their child's educational records.

Make copies of these records.

Receive a list of all individuals sharing access to these records.

Ask for an explanation of any item in the records.

Ask for an amendment to any report if it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights.

Receive a hearing if the school refuses to make the amendment.

*Qualified disability: Mental or physical 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 and working.

For more information, contact student support services at 507-387-1818.

Right to know

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of a student who attends Mankato Area Public Schools have a right to know about the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct their child(ren). The Every Student Succeeds Act provides the right to ask for the following information about each child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the State of Minnesota has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency permit or other provisional status by which state licensing criteria have been waived.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any instructional aide or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

To receive any of the above information, contact John Lustig, director of administrative services, at 507-387-3017.

Accident insurance option available

Parents/guardians have an option to purchase accident insurance for their children through Student Assurance Services, Inc. of Stillwater, Minnesota. This plan will provide benefits for medical expenses incurred because of an accident.

For more information, contact Mankato Area Public Schools' administrative offices at 507-387-3167.

Mankato Area Public Schools does not provide health or accident insurance for injuries children incur at school.