

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 283

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TITLE Student Disability Nondiscrimination

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Disabled students who meet the criteria of Paragraph C. below are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.
- B. The responsibility of the school district is to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.
- C. For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who:
 - 1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; or
 - 2. has a record of such impairment; or
 - 3. is regarded as having such impairment.
- D. Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

III. COORDINATOR

Persons who have questions or comments should contact the Director of Special Services. This person is the school district's Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Coordinator. Persons who wish to make a complaint regarding a disability discrimination matter may use the accompanying Student Disability Discrimination Grievance Report Form. The form should be given to the Director of Special Services, the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator.

Legal References:

Pub. L. 110-325, 122 Stat. 3553 (ADA Amendments Act of 2008, §7)
29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq. (504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)
34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Section 504 Implementing Regulations)

Cross References:

MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)