

NOTIFICATION OF PARENT RIGHTS

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The purpose of this notice is to inform parent and student of the rights granted to them under Section 504. The federal regulations that implement Section 504 include the following rights:

1. Have the district advise you of your rights under federal law
2. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child
4. Have your child evaluated by school staff prior to determining eligibility under Section 504
5. To be notified prior to any action (be it a proposal or refusal) regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child
6. Have evaluation, educational, and plan of services decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options
7. Have periodic review of your child's educational need for Section 504 plan of services;
8. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities
9. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided nondisabled students
10. Have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district
11. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program and placement and obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records
12. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records
13. File a local grievance with the District 504 Coordinator
14. Request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you at your own expense. The impartial Hearing Officer will be selected by the district
15. Hearing requests must be made to the District Section 504 Coordinator;
Director of Student Services, 1725 North Dodge Street Iowa City, IA 52245
(319)-688-1000, or email to: callahan.kate@iowacityschools.org

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To submit a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights:

Chicago Office for Civil Rights

U.S. Department of Education

Citigroup Center

500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475

Chicago, IL 60661-4544