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What is Section 504 and who qualifies?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is a civil rights/anti-discrimination law. Students with various disabilities and impairments have the right to access their education to the same extent as their “typical” peers.

Eligibility for a 504 Plan is a Team decision.

- Just because a student has a medical diagnosis - *does not mean automatic eligibility*
- Just because a medical provider says the student could qualify - *does not mean automatic eligibility*
- Just because a parent wants their child to have a 504 Plan - *does not mean automatic eligibility*

The 504 Team (including parents, educators, related service providers, outside evaluation results) has the **LEGAL** obligation to determine whether or not the student is **SUBSTANTIALLY** impacted by the disability or impairment as compared to their “typical” peers and that the student requires accommodations to ensure that the student's individual educational needs are met to the same extent as are the needs of other students.

Section 504 eligibility is not:

- A means to maximize a student’s potential
- A way to get extra time on standardized test (unless there is significant evidence that extra time is necessary in order for the student to access the test)
- A means to solve chronic absenteeism

If you have further questions please feel free to contact

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