

# West-MEC

## Parent's Rights and Safeguards under Section 504

### As a parent, you have the right to:

1. Have your student take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination based on a disability.
2. Have the District advise you of your rights under federal law.
3. Provide parent consent for an evaluation of your student and receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or eligibility determination of your student.
4. Have your student receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the District make reasonable accommodations to allow your student an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. Have your student educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided students without disabilities.
6. Have eligibility and educational placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by individuals who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options.
7. Provide your student with an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the District through the provision of reasonable accommodations.
8. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your student's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
9. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
10. Receive a response from the District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your student's records.
11. Request amendment of your student's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your student. If the District refuses this request, it shall notify you within a reasonable time and advise you of the right to a hearing.
12. Request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions regarding your student's identification, evaluation, and educational placement. You and your student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you at your own cost.
13. File a complaint with the District when you believe your student's rights have been violated. A complaint may be filed by completing the Section 504 Complaint Form and submitting it to the campus administrator.
14. The Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education also enforces the requirements of Section 504. The address for the regional office that includes Arizona is: Office for Civil Rights, 1244 Speer Blvd. Suite 300, Denver, CO 80204-3582, Phone 303-844-5695.