



NOTIFICATION OF PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS GRANTED BY SECTION 504 IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION, AND PLACEMENT

The following is a description of the rights granted by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to students with disabilities. The intent of this Federal law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights, if you disagree with any of the decisions made by the school district.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling condition.
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under Federal law.
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled 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.
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students.
6. Have your child receive special education and related services if s/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (101-476) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
7. Have evaluation, educational and placement decision made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the child, the evaluation data, and placement options.
8. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by this district.
9. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities by the district.
10. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, education programs, and placement.
11. Obtain copies of education records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
12. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
13. Receive all information in the parent's native language and mode of communication.
14. Periodic reevaluations and an evaluation before any significant change in program/service modifications.



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- 15.** Request amendment of your child'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 child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.
- 16.** Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the Superintendent.
- 17.** File a grievance or complaint related to disability-based discrimination or harassment.
- 18.** Be represented at any point in the process by an attorney; and parents may have the right to reasonable attorney fees as authorized by law (i.e., if the parents are successful on their due process claim).
- 19.** Be notified of your Section 504 rights when evaluations are conducted, when eligibility is determined, when a Section 504 Plan is developed, and before there is a significant change in the plan for services.

Complaints, including complaints of disability-based harassment and request for due process hearings must be put in writing and must identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the complaint or the request for a hearing, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. The complaint or request for due process hearing must be filed with the Hudson City School District:

Compliance Officer/Coordinator at:
Director of Pupil Services
2400 Hudson-Aurora Road
Hudson, OH 44236

Nothing in the Hudson City School District Board of Education Policies (2260.01) or administrative guidelines prohibits the parent/guardian or student who is of the age of majority from submitting his/her complaint directly to:

Office for Civil Rights, Cleveland
U.S. Department of Education
600 Superior Avenue East
Suite 750
Cleveland, OH 44114

Under Section 504, a complaint must be filed within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory action, although the Regional Director has the authority to waive the time limit in some circumstances. Failure on the part of the complainant to take the action required in these procedures may result in the closing of a complaint.