



## WATAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### **NOTICE OF RIGHTS SECTION 504 1973 REHABILITATION ACT**

1. Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act is a non-discrimination statute barring discrimination on the basis of disability.
2. It is the policy of the Watauga County Schools not to discriminate on the basis of disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by the Act.
3. The Act requires the school system to locate, evaluate, and determine if the student is a qualified individual requiring accommodation necessary to provide access to educational programs.
4. Parents are entitled to have the opportunity to review relevant educational records under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
5. Parents or guardians disagreeing with the decisions reached by school personnel for accommodations necessary for access to educational programming should first appeal in accordance with the grievance procedures listed below. Parents may also request mediation or an impartial hearing according to policy 1730/4022/7231 (Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disabilities).
6. The designated school district Section 504 coordinator is Dr. Tierra Stark, Student Services Director, who may be reached at the Watauga County Schools Administrative Office, 175 Pioneer Trail, Boone, NC 28607, phone 828-264-7190; email [starkt@wataugaschools.org](mailto:starkt@wataugaschools.org).

### **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

Policy 4020/7230 (Discrimination and Harassment Prohibited by Federal Law) establishes the district's grievance procedure for Section 504 matters. Parents and/or students who believe that the student has been discriminated against on the basis of a disability should first appeal to the Section 504 Coordinator using the process set forth in Policy 4020/7230 (see attached).

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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*Administrative Use Only: Indicate below with name and signature if the parent/guardian refuses to sign.*

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Name

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Date

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Signature