



PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND PLACEMENT

Please Keep This Explanation for Future Reference (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

This document describes the rights granted by federal law to students with disabilities. The intent of the 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 these decisions.

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 disability;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law. This document is your notice of rights;
3. Receive notice (not necessarily in writing) with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child;
4. Grant permission to the district to conduct an initial evaluation of your child;
5. 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 accommodations to allow your student an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities;
6. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students;
7. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options; testing and other evaluation procedures must conform to specific requirements of validation, administration, areas of evaluation;
8. Have a periodic re-evaluation of eligibility, generally every three (3) years, and an evaluation before any significant change in program placement;
9. Have transportation provided to and from a district initiated alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district;
10. Have your child be 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;
12. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
13. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;

14. 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;
15. Request a hearing with respect to the school's action regarding your child's identification, evaluation or educational placement, with opportunity for parental participation in the hearing.
 - If you wish to challenge the actions of the school's 504 committee, you have the right to a local hearing. You should file a written appeal, following the District's complaint procedure, with the South Lane School District's Compliance Officer, Brian McCasline. The appeal should be submitted within 180 calendar days from the date of the alleged discrimination.
 - The hearing will be scheduled within 10 working days from receiving the complaint. At the hearing, all evidence, documentation and reports submitted by both the school and the parents will be considered. A written decision will be rendered within 15 calendar days from the date of the hearing.
 - If you disagree with the decision of the Compliance Officer, you have the right to appeal to the Superintendent. Such an appeal must be filed in writing within 10 working days after receipt of the Compliance Officer's decision. The Superintendent shall meet with all parties as necessary and provide a written answer within 10 working days after receipt of the appeal.
 - If you disagree with the decision of the Superintendent, you have the right to appeal to the South Lane School District Board of Directors. The appeal must be submitted within 10 working days from receiving the Superintendent's decision. The Board shall conduct a hearing within 20 working days at which time you will be given an opportunity to present your complaint. The Board shall provide a written decision regarding the complaint within 10 working days following the hearing.
15. Request mediation or a 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. Hearing requests must be made to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oregon Department of Education, 255 Capitol Street, NE, Salem, Oregon 97310-0290, pursuant to OAR 581-15-109;
16. File a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights. The address of the Regional office which covers Oregon is:

US Department of Education
Office for Civil Rights
915 Second Avenue, Room 3310
Seattle, WA 98174-1099
Telephone: 1-800-421-3481

The person in this district who is responsible for assuring that the district complies with Section 504/ADA is:

Name: Chad Hamilton

Telephone No. 541-942-3381 ext. 115