



Office of the Assistant Director of Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is eligible for an Individualized Health Plan (IHP). This is a plan that you and the School Nurse collaborate on to respond to your student's health needs while they are at school. Because of your child's health needs, 504 eligibility should also be considered.

What is an Individualized Health Plan (IHP)?

An IHP serves both the student and the school by directly responding to a student's specific health needs. An IHP details how to support your student's medical needs while at school. It is designed to address medical issues that do not require educational/learning accommodations. An IHP is a formal agreement between the school and the parent that outlines a plan for safely addressing your student's health needs. Parents or caregivers and your School Nurse will work together to develop the IHP.

What is a 504 Plan?

Section 504 has federal legal protections for your student. It is a part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Children whose medical issues significantly limit one or more major life activities may be eligible for Section 504. Eligibility is determined, with your consent, by a team, including you. If found eligible for 504, the team will consider if any educational accommodations are required due to the disability. The goal of a 504 Plan is to level the educational field by providing accommodations and modifications that allow the student the same opportunities as their peers without discrimination based on their disability.

If you are concerned that your child may need additional accommodations in the classroom but are not certain if a 504 is appropriate, please contact your school nurse, your student's teacher, or your school counselor to discuss this more. Both plans are designed to ensure your child's health and educational needs are met at school.

Thank you,

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School Nurse

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