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521 STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. Students with disabilities who meet the criteria of Paragraph C below are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.

B It is the responsibility of the school district to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

C. For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who:

1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, or
2. has a record of such an impairment;
3. is regarded as having such an impairment;
4. has an impairment that is episodic or in remission and would materially limit a major life activity when active.

D. Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

III. COORDINATOR

Persons who have questions or comments should contact the Building Principal (Rockford High School, 7600 County Road 50, Rockford MN 55373 763-477-5846 or Rockford Middle School-Center for Environmental Studies, 6051 Ash Street, Rockford MN 55373 763-477-5831 or Rockford Elementary Arts Magnet School, 7650 County Road 50, Rockford MN 55373 763-477-5837). This person is the school district's Americans with Disabilities Act/Section 504 Coordinator. Persons who wish to make a complaint regarding a disability discrimination matter may use the accompanying Student Disability Discrimination Grievance Report Form. The form should be given to ADA/Section 504 coordinator.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 363A.03, Subd. 12 (Definitions)
42 U.S.C. Ch. 126 (Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities)



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29 U.S.C. § 794 *et seq.* (§ 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, § 504)
34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Implementing Regulations)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)