



Appendix A

Newburyport Public Schools

Notice of Section 504 Parent/Student Rights

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.
3. Receive notification with respect to identification, evaluation and placement of your child.
4. If found eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, have your child receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment.
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided for non-disabled students.
6. Have your child receive appropriate support and accommodations if he/she is found to be eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
7. Have evaluation, eligibility, and placement decisions based on information from a variety of sources and made by persons who are knowledgeable about your child, the evaluation data, and placement options.
8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the school district. This also includes the right to have the school district make accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school-related activities.
9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, eligibility, and placement.
10. File a local grievance. A local grievance may be filed verbally or in writing. Please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator, Brad Brooks, 70 Low Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 (978-465-4456) if you wish to file a local grievance.
11. Request an impartial due process hearing or mediation from the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA) at any time related to the District's decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, eligibility, or placement. You have the right to participate in the hearing, and you have the right to be represented by counsel at your own expense. The BSEA may be reached at 781-397-4750.
12. File a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at any time. OCR may be reached at 202-453-6020 or online at www.ed.gov/ocr.

Appendix B

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Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950

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Receipt of Parent/Student Rights under Section 504

The Notice of Parent and Student Rights Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 document is provided to you so that you will be advised of you and your child's rights under Section 504.

In addition to receiving a written copy of your rights, you may seek clarification or ask additional questions by contacting our District 504 Coordinator, Brad Brooks, at bbrooks@newburyport.k12.ma.us or 978-465-4456.

I have received a copy of Parent and Student Rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Student: _____ D.O.B.: ____/____/____

School : _____ Grade: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian or Student (if over the age of 18)

Date Signed: _____