

PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ("Section 504") prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities that receive federal funds. In accordance with Section 504, the Prescott School District ("District") prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in its programs and activities. The policy of this District is that no otherwise qualified individual with a disability may, on the basis of that disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination in any program or activity that is provided or sponsored by the District.

Under Section 504, the School District is required to identify, evaluate and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, provide accommodations and services that afford equal access to educational opportunities in the District's programs and activities.

Section 504 defines an individual with a disability as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity (as compared to the average student), a person who has a record of such impairment, or a person who is regarded as having such impairment. If your child is an individual with a disability, under Section 504 you have the right to:

1. Receive all information in your native language and primary mode of communication.
2. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling condition.
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, assessment, or provision of instructional services for your child under a 504 Accommodation Plan.
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students.
6. Have assessment and decisions regarding education and services be based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know your child, the assessment data, and service options.
7. Have an assessment and/or periodic reassessment before any significant change in programs/services.
8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.
9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, assessment, educational program and services.
10. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
11. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
12. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is a 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, it will notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.

13. Have reasonable accommodations made to provide equal access for you or your child to effectively participate in meetings, activities, or events sponsored by the school/district or provided in district facilities.

14. File a local grievance, with the District's Director of Pupil Services.

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15. Request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, assessment, educational program or services. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must also be made to the district's Section 504 Compliance Officer.

16. File a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. The address of the Regional Office that covers Wisconsin:

Office for Civil Rights/Chicago
U.S. Department of Education
Citigroup Center
500 W. Madison Street
Suite 1475
Chicago, IL 60661
(312) 730-1560
or 1-877-521-2172