

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Division of Student Services
SECTION 504 PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS
IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND PLACEMENT

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 notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child;
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with students without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make 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 to students without disabilities;
6. To receive all information in your native language and/or primary mode of communication;
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;
8. Have your child receive reasonable accommodations if he/she is found to be eligible under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;
9. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student was 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 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. File a 504 grievance if you have a disagreement with the school;
16. Request mediation or an impartial 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;
17. File a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, Region VIII, US Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 08-7010, 1244 Speer Boulevard, Denver, Colorado, 80204-3582. Phone (303) 844-5695.

The person in the district who is responsible for assuring that the district complies with Section 504 is: Mr. John Liberatore, telephone number 720-423-8900. The Denver Public Schools Section 504 Coordinator is: Mr. Paul Thomsson, telephone number 720-423-8086.