

RIO GRANDE CITY CISD
NOTICE OF PARENT AND STUDENT RIGHTS UNDER
§504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

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The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Section commonly referred to as “§504”, is a non-discrimination statute enacted by the United States Congress. The purpose of this section of the Act is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities equal to, but not necessarily identical to, those provided to non-disabled students.

To qualify for protection under Section 504, an eligible student is one who (1) currently has, (2) has a record of having, or (3) is regarded as having a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity such as seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, self-care, walking, performing manual tasks, working, and/or learning.

The regulations for Section 504 are set out in 34 C.F.R. Part 104 and provide eligible **students** with the following rights:

1. An appropriate education designed to meet his/her individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met.
2. Free educational services except for those fees that are imposed on non-disabled students or their parents.
3. Placement in the least restrictive environment.
4. Facilities, services, activities and programs that are comparable to those provided for non-disabled students.
5. An evaluation prior to an initial Section 504 placement and any subsequent significant change in placement based on evaluation information that comes from a variety of sources.
6. Placement decisions made by a group of persons, including persons knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation data, and appropriate placement options.
7. Periodic re-evaluations.

The regulations for Section 504 are set out in 34 C.F.R. Part 104 and provide the following **parental/legal guardian** rights:

1. Receive notice regarding the identification, evaluation, and/or placement of your child.
2. Examine relevant records pertaining to your child.
3. Request an impartial hearing with respect to the district’s actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child, with an opportunity for the parent/guardian to participate in the hearing, to have representation by an attorney, and have a review procedure.
4. File a complaint with the District §504 Coordinator at (956) 716-6700, who will investigate the allegations regarding Section 504 matters other than your child’s identification, evaluation, and placement. For matters regarding your child’s identification, evaluation, and/or placement, call your Campus §504 Coordinator, _____.
Name, Phone #
5. File a complaint with the regional Office for Civil Rights for the State of Texas.

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