

It is the responsibility of the District to identify and evaluate students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973*, need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free and appropriate education.

A student who may need special services or programs within the intent of Section 504 is one who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one (1) or more major life activities, including learning; or
- Has a record of such impairment; or
- Is regarded as having such impairment.

Students may be eligible for services under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). A student whose disability qualifies him or her for services under IDEA shall be served under IDEA whenever possible.

Services under Section 504 shall be provided to eligible students to ensure that they receive appropriate educational opportunities, to include:

- services designed to meet the individual education needs of disabled students as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met;
- the education of disabled students with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled students;
- evaluation and placement procedures to guard against misclassification or inappropriate placement of students, and periodic reevaluations as required; and
- provision of due process.

Students with disabilities shall not be excluded from participating in nonacademic services and extracurricular activities on the basis of disability unless their participation presents a clear and present danger to themselves or others that cannot be reasonably mitigated.

The superintendent shall designate a Section 504 Coordinator for the District. The Coordinator's responsibilities will be to coordinate the implementation of all aspects of Section 504 throughout the District in cooperation with campus administration, in accordance with the requirements of 34 CFR 104.31-39.