

342.2-Rule

DE SOTO AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION 504 PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, parents/guardians/students have the right to:

1. have their child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her handicapping/disabling conditions.
2. have the District advise them of their rights under federal law.
3. receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of their child.
4. have their child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-handicapped/disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the District make reasonable accommodations to allow their child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. have their child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-handicapped/disabled students.
6. have their child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
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 transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to the parents/guardians than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the District.
9. have their child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the District.
10. examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding their child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
11. obtain copies of educational records in accordance with established policy and procedures.

12. a response from the District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of their child's records.
13. request amendment of their child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of their child. If the District refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify the parents/guardians within a reasonable time, and advise them of the right to a hearing.
14. request mediation or an impartial hearing related to decisions or actions regarding their child's identification, evaluation, or placement. The parents/guardians and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent them.
15. file a complaint in accordance with local procedures.
16. appeal to the Office of Civil Rights (address and phone number available from building principal).

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