

Students

Identification and Education Under Section 504

It is the intent of the District to comply with the law by providing a free appropriate public education to each handicapped student within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or the severity of the handicap. The Director of Student Services is designated as the 504 Coordinator.

It is the further intent of the District to ensure that students who are handicapped within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, are identified, evaluated, and provided with the required appropriate education, i.e., regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the needs of each handicapped person as adequately as the needs of each nonhandicapped person.

Under this policy, a handicapped student is one who (a) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; (b) has a record of such an impairment; or, (c) is regarded as having such an impairment. [34 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 104.3 (j) and (k)]. Students may be handicapped under Section 504 and this policy even though they do not require services pursuant to the California Special Education Programs Act, Education Code, Sections 56000-56865 (California Act) and the Individuals with Disabilities Act, Public Law 010-476 (IDEA). Students who are identified as students with disabilities under the IDEA are not addressed under this policy, as the needs of such students are provided for elsewhere under state and federal laws, and Special Education Local Plan Area procedures.

Legal Reference: United States Code, Title 20  
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act  
of 1974  
1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act  
United States Code, Title 29  
701 et seq. Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

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Legal Reference: (continued)

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 34

104.1-104.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of  
handicap, especially

104.1 Purpose to effectuate Section 504 of the  
Rehabilitation Act of 1973

104.3 Definitions

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104.36 Procedural safeguards

California Education Codes 56000-56865