

A guide for parents: Understanding IDEA and Section 504

The definition under Section 504 prohibits discrimination against any person with a disability by any federally funded agency or organization. It requires states to provide programs for eligible students with disabilities that are equal to those of students without disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) is a program which guarantees special education and related services to eligible students.

Who can receive services under these laws?

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| <p>IDEA Eligible students who qualify under one or more of these categories with an educational need: Autism Visual impairments Deaf-blindness Hearing Mental Retardation Emotional Disturbance Orthopedic impairment Other Health Impairment Specific Learning Disabilities Speech or Language impairment Traumatic Brain injury</p> <p>For more information on the full individualized evaluation process refer to the Special Education Department website.</p> | <p>Section 504 A committee of knowledgeable persons will meet to determine eligibility. Section 504 covers any person who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.) Has a physical or mental impairment that affects a major life activity. A student can have a disability and qualify for accommodations as a result of an impairment that is “episodic” or in remission. b.) Has a record of such an impairment, or c.) Is regarded as having such an impairment, <p>A major life activity under Section 504 includes, but is not limited to: eating, sleeping, walking, standing, lifting bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, and/or working. D.) It also includes the operation of a temporary impairment.</p> |
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Parents can request a meeting by contacting the school counselor. A Committee of Knowledgeable Persons will meet with you, provide procedural safeguards, and determine Section 504 eligibility.

For more information call;

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