



Section 504 Notice of Parent/Guardian and Student Rights

This is a notice of your rights under Section 504. These rights are designed to keep you fully informed about the District's decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of those decisions.

You have the right to:

- Have your child participate in and benefit from the district's education program without discrimination based on disability.
- An explanation of your and your child's rights under Section 504.
- Receive notice before the District takes any action regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- Refuse consent for the initial evaluation and initial placement of your child.
- Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes your child's right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the District provide related aids and services to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school activities.
- Have your child receive special education services if she/he needs such services.
- Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions for your child based upon information from a variety of sources, by a group of persons who know your child, your child's evaluation data, and placement options.
- Have your child be provided an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the District.
- Have educational and related aids and services provided to your child without cost except for those fees imposed on the parents/guardians of non-disabled children.
- Examine your child's education records and obtain a copy of such records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
- A response to your reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's education records.
- Request the district to amend your child's education records if you believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the district refuses this request, you have the right to challenge such refusal.
- Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing to challenge actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests can be made to the District's Section 504 coordinator.
- Ask for payment of reasonable attorney's fees if you are successful on your claim.
- File a local grievance or a formal complaint with the regional Office for Civil Rights, US Department of Education, Federal Building, Suite 310, 1244 Speer Blvd., Denver, CO, 80202-3582, (303) 844-5695; TDD (303) 844-3417. The office is part of the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights, (206-607-1600), or www.ed.gov/ocr), or file a complaint in federal court. The person listed below is responsible for ensuring that School District 11 complies with Section 504.

District 11 Equal Opportunity Programs & Ombudservices Office
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School District 11 is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in relation to disability, need for special education services (whether actual or perceived), race, creed, color, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, religion, ancestry, age, genetic information, or protected activity in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Any harassment/discrimination of students and/or staff, based on the aforementioned protected areas, will not be tolerated and must be brought to the immediate attention of the school principal, D11 administrator/supervisor or D11 nondiscrimination compliance/grievance coordinator. (NONDISCRIMINATION COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR, the District 11 Equal Opportunity Programs and Ombudservices Office, has been designated to coordinate compliance with: 1) Equal Pay Act of 1963, 2) Civil Rights Act of 1964, as Amended, 3) Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, 4) Title IX – Education Amendments Act of 1972, 5) Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 6) Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, and 7) Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)