

BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Notice of Rights of Students and Parents Under Section 504

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as "Section 504," is a nondiscrimination statute enacted by the United States Congress. The purpose of Section 504 is to prohibit discrimination and to assure that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students.

PARENT/STUDENT SECTION 504 RIGHTS

Parents have the right to:

- 1) Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of disability;
- 2) Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;
- 3) Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or services for your child;
- 4) Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with children without disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities;
- 5) Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to children without disabilities;
- 6) Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the child, the evaluation data, and service options;
- 7) Have your child receive special education and related services if found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
- 8) Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the child was placed in a program operated by the district;
- 9) Have your 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 your child's identification, evaluation, and educational services;
- 11) Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
- 12) A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;
- 13) Request amendment of your 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 your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time and advise you of the right to a hearing;
- 14) File a 504 grievance if you have a disagreement with the school;
- 15) Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or services. You and the child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you.

For more information regarding Section 504, or if you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact your local system's Section 504 Coordinator at the following address:

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