

**EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES  
UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a civil rights statute that protects the rights of students with disabilities. A child is disabled under Section 504 if he or she is of school age and:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, working, conforming to age appropriate behavior rules.

The aim of Section 504 is to ensure that each student with a disability is provided a free appropriate public education.

It is the responsibility of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled under Section 504 although they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Due process rights of students with disabilities and their parents under Section 504 will be enforced. The superintendent will designate a district 504 coordinator. The principal will designate a building 504 coordinator.