

PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS AS PROVIDED FOR BY SECTION 504

Rights granted by federal law or rule to families with qualified students with handicaps under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the related ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) are as follows:

- Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her handicapping condition(s).
- Have the District explain to you, your rights under federal law.
- Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- Have your child receive a free, appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-handicapped students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school District provide related aids and services.
- Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to non-handicapped students.
- Have your child receive special education and related services when he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (PL 101-476) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- Have the evaluation, educational and placement decisions about your child be based on a variety of information sources and by persons who know the child, the evaluation data, and the placement options.
- Have the transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting not operated by the District at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if your child was placed in a program operated by the District.
- Have your child be given the opportunity to participate in non-academic and extra-curricular activities offered by the District to the maximum extent appropriate to your child's needs.
- Examine all relevant student records and obtain copies at a reasonable cost unless the cost would effectively deny you access to the records.
- A response from the District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
- Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is a reasonable cause to believe that they

are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the District refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time and advise you of the right to a hearing.

- Request mediation (per state rule) or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, or educational placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. The decision at the due process hearing may be appealed.
- File a local grievance.
- Hearing requests should be made to: Dr. Douglas Van Zyl, Superintendent of Schools, Fort Dodge Community Schools, Central Administration Office, 104 South 17th St., Fort Dodge, IA 50501, 515-576-1161.

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