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RIGHTS AFFORDED BY SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 NOTICE TO PARENT

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling conditions;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child;
4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education which includes regular or special education and related aids and services that were designed to meet the individual needs of your child as adequately as the needs of non-disabled children are met. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of your child. It also includes the right to have the school/district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities;
5. Have your child receive services and be educated in facilities which are comparable to those provided to nondisabled students;
6. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options;
7. Have your child be given an opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district;
8. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, and placement;
9. The right to periodic reevaluation.
10. Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and be represented by counsel. Hearing requests must be made to your local school district;
11. File a local grievance relating to an alleged violation of Section 504 regulations.

The person in your school responsible for assuring that Section 504 regulations are met is the school principal. The principal may be reached at the school phone number.

The person in this district responsible for assuring that Section 504 regulations are met is Steven Jones, Coordinator of Psychological Services. Mr. Jones may be contacted at 941-255-0808, extension 3062.

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