

RUTLAND NORTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

SECTION 504

Summary of Parent/Student Rights under Section 504

The following is a summary of rights granted under federal law to qualified students with disabilities and their parents.

A. Qualified Students with Disabilities:

1. May not, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, programs or activities offered by the district, or otherwise be discriminated against on the basis of their disability in connection with any district program or activity;
2. Have a right to be educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided for students without disabilities;
3. Have a right to be educated with students who are not individuals with disabilities to the maximum extent appropriate;
4. Have a right to receive a free appropriate public education (i.e., FAPE, the provision of regular or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of the qualified student with a disability as adequately as the needs of the students who are not individuals with disabilities are met);
5. Have a right to an equal opportunity to participate with students who are not individuals with disabilities in the district's non-academic and extra curricular services and activities;
6. Have a right to have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based upon information from a variety of sources; to periodic reevaluations and an evaluation before any significant change in placement in a regular or special education program; and to have placement decisions made by a group of persons, including persons knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data and the placement options;
7. Have a right to be placed in a regular educational environment operated by the district, unless the district demonstrates that the education of the student in regular education environment, with the use of supplementary aids/services, cannot be achieved satisfactorily;
8. Have a right to be advised by the district regarding the district's Section 504 duties.

The full provisions of the federal law creating these rights can be found at 29 U.S.C. Section 794 (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1073) and 34 C. F.R. Part 104 et seq. and in the American with Disabilities Act and its regulations. Copies of the district 504/ADA procedures are available from the student's building principal or 504 Coordinator.