Section 504

What rights do parents or guardians have under Section 504?

- Request a hearing with respect to the school's actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or placement of their child
- File a grievance complaint with the school's Section 504 Coordinator or with the Office for Civil Rights online or by calling the regional office
- Receive notice about the identification, evaluation and/or placement of their child
- Examine their child's educational records
- A 504 plan that is periodically reviewed

What does a 504 plan include?

It includes the accommodations and services that the individual student needs and provides equal access to the same educational programs and activities available to non-disabled peers.

Office for Civil Rights (OCR)

In Texas, if you have a question or would like to file a complaint about Section 504, contact the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

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Section 504 Parent and Educator Resource Guide

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Fact Sheet for Families

What is Section 504?

Section 504 is part of a long-standing federal civil rights law that guarantees certain protections to people with disabilities.

Who does Section 504 protect?

Section 504 protects people with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity, such as caring for one's self, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, working, performing manual tasks, and learning.

Are dyslexia and related disorders included under Section 504?

Qualified students with dyslexia and related disorders are protected under Section 504 and may also be eligible for special education and related services for a specific learning disability.

Section 504 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) both...

- Provide protections for students with disabilities. However, while all students in special education are protected under Section 504, not all students covered by Section 504 are eligible for special education.

- Require schools to provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to students with disabilities. Section 504 and IDEA define FAPE differently.

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