

Section 504

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Section 504 is a federal civil rights statute which protects the rights of persons with disabilities. Section 504 prohibits discrimination against handicapped persons. Persons with disabilities should not be denied equal access to a free and public education (FAPE).

An eligible student under Section 504 is one who has a "physical or mental impairment that **substantially limits a major life activity.**"

Major life activities include the following:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Walking | <input type="checkbox"/> Seeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring for oneself | <input type="checkbox"/> Breathing | <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Performing Manual Tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> Working | <input type="checkbox"/> Learning |

The Committee must review all relevant data including medical reports, current and prior grades, standardized test scores, teachers reports, etc. when making a decision.

The Committee makes an eligibility determination based on the above criteria (use eligibility worksheet).

While parental notice is required, parental participation or consent is not required.