

Idaho Falls School District #91

Section 504 Parent/Student Rights to Identification, Evaluation and Placement

A brief review of your rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

(Please keep this explanation for future reference.)

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 or her disability.
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. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district provide regular or special education related aids and services to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to non-disabled students.
6. Have your child receive special education and related aids and services if he or she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
7. Have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data and placement options.
8. Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the school district.
9. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the school district. Examine all relevant

- records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program and placement.
10. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
 11. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
 12. Request amendments of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it will notify you within a reasonable amount of time and advise you of the right to a hearing.
 13. 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 the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you.
 14. Hearing requests must be made to the following party:
 15.

Lisa Sherick, Supervisor of Special Education
690 John Adams Parkway
Idaho Falls, Idaho Falls School District #91 525-7512
 16. Ask for payment of reasonable attorney fees if you are successful on your claim.
 17. File a local grievance.
 18. File a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights, 915 2nd Avenue, Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099.

<p>Note: The person in this district who is responsible for assuring that the district complies with Section 504 is: Lisa Sherick 525-7512</p>
