

AKRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PARENTAL NOTICE OF SECTION 504/ADA PROCEDURAL INFORMATION AND RIGHTS

Below is a description of the rights granted by Federal law to individuals with disabilities. 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 disability;
2. receive written notice of any decision regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of your child;
3. have your child receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE), this includes the right to be educated with students who are not disabled to the maximum extent appropriate and to receive regular or special education, accommodations, related aids and services, etc., that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of students with disabilities as adequately as the needs of nondisabled students are met, except for those fees that are imposed on non-disabled students or their parents. *Insurers and similar third parties are not relieved from their obligation to provide for services to a disabled student;*
4. have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided students without disabilities;
5. have evaluation and educational placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know your child and are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options (504 Team);
6. have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extra-curricular activities (including field trips) offered by the District;
7. examine all relevant education records, including, but not limited to, those documents related to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement and to request amendment for your child's education records if there is reasonable cause to believe that information contained in the record(s) is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child;
8. periodic re-evaluations (generally every three years) and an evaluation before any significant change in program/service modifications;
9. file a complaint *at any time* with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights, Cleveland Office, 600 Superior Ave., Suite 750, Cleveland, OH 44114;
10. file a complaint with the District's Section 504/Civil Rights Compliance Officer (see below);
11. be provided your 504/ADA Procedural Information and Rights (1) when evaluations are conducted, (2) when consent for an evaluation is denied, (3) when eligibility is determined, (4) when a Section 504 Plan is developed or terminated, and (5) before there is significant change in the Plan.

If you have any questions concerning your child's eligibility under Section 504, or wish to challenge the actions of your child's Section 504 team in regard to your child's eligibility, accommodations or provision of a FAPE, please contact Dr. Robert J. Kubick, Jr., Section 504 Compliance Officer (see below).

Complaints, including complaints of disability-based harassment/discrimination and Section 504 due process requests, must be put in writing and must identify the specific circumstances or areas of dispute that have given rise to the complaint or requests for a hearing, and offer possible solutions to the dispute. (BP 2260 & 2260.01) Complaints must be filed with the District Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer. The Board of Education has designated Dr. Robert J. Kubick, Jr. as the District Section 504 Compliance Officer. Dr. Kubick can be reached at the following address/phone number/e-mail: **Dr. Robert J. Kubick, Jr., 504/ADA Compliance Officer, Child Study Dept., Ott Development Center, 65 Steiner Ave., Akron, OH 44301, Phone: 330-761-3151. Email: rkubick@apslearns.org**