



Community High School District 155
PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

You have the right to:

1. Have your student take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under Section 504;
3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your student;
4. Have your student receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your student an equal opportunity to participate in school-related activities;
5. Have your student educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided nondisabled students;
6. Have your student receive an individualized evaluation and receive special education services if s/he is found to be eligible under the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* ("IDEA") 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 your student be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offer by the district.
9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your student's identification, evaluation, educational program and placement and obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
10. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your student's records;
11. Request amendment of your student's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of your student. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing;
12. File a grievance under the District's Uniform Grievance Procedure with the district hearing officers;
13. Request an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your student's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you at your own expense. The impartial Hearing Officer will be selected by the district. Hearing requests must be made to Community High School District 155 Director of Student Services at 815.455.8500.
14. File a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education alleging a violation of your rights under Section 504.

**The person in this District who is responsible for assuring that the District complies with
Section 504 is Kim Dahlem, phone: 815-455-8500, Email: kdahlem@d155.org.**