SECTION 504 RESPONSIBILITIES

Give Access (Provide Accommodation)

Ensure that no otherwise qualified individual with disabilities shall solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program activity.

QUALIFIED STUDENT UNDER SECTION 504

- Must have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits a major life activity (e.g., learning).
- Experiences difficulty learning as compared to the average student in national population.
- Must be provided accommodations with the goal of diminishing the deficit between performance and ability.

504 MAY NOT BE DETERMINED BY

- Age
- Culture
- Environment
- Economic factors
- Deficits that can be accommodated by regularly available implementations provided by the classroom teacher.

PHYSICAL OR MENTAL IMPAIRMENT includes, but is not limited to the following conditions:

- Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
- Attention deficit disorder
- Attention deficit hyperactive disorder
- Cancer
- Cerebral palsy
- Diabetes
- Emotional illness
- Epilepsy

- Hearing impairments
- Heart disease
- Human immunodeficiency virus
- Multiple sclerosis
- Muscular dystrophy
- Orthopedic impairments
- Speech impairments
- Visual impairments

HOW SECTION 504 DIFFERS FROM IDEA (Special Education)

- Accommodation plan, not IEP.
- Parents not required but are preferred to be part of accommodation plan development.
- Accommodations are generally provided by regular education.
- No right to independent evaluation.

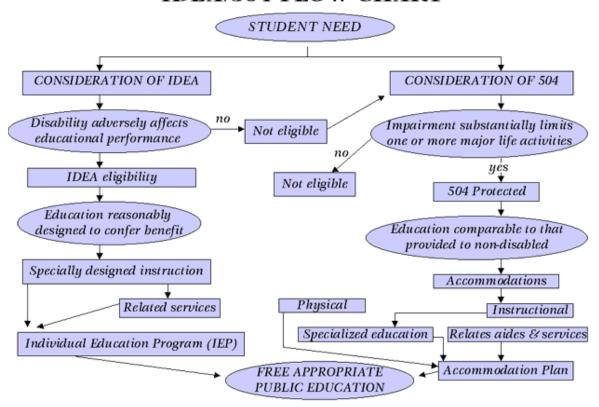
PARENT RIGHTS

- Parent/guardians should be provided notification of their rights under Section 504:
 - when eligibility is determined
 - when a plan is developed
 - before there is a significant change in the plan for services

- Parents may:
 - file a Section 504 grievance
 - request a due process hearing
 - # file an OCR complaint

SECTION 504 ACCOMMODATION PROCESS

IDEA/504 FLOW CHART



WHAT ARE REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS? Reasonable accommodations include any adjustments or modifications which enable a student to benefit from his/her education.

Modified Curriculum Modified Classroom Modified Assessment Adjusted length Management Adjusted format Same content/different Behavior plans Modified scoring Modified rules material Adjusted length Different curriculum Modified consequences **Modified Physical Plant Modified Instruction** Improve access to **Tutoring** building/classroom Use of Braille Change of seating Hand signing Wider aisles, etc. Health services Transportation Take home packets