

**Goddard USD 265**  
**NOTICE OF PARENTS/STUDENT RIGHT RIGHTS UNDER §504 OF THE REHABILITATION**  
**ACT OF 1973**

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 in the event you disagree with any of these decisions. Please keep this explanation for future reference.

**You have the right to:**

1. Have the school district advise you of your rights under §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [34 CFR 104.32]. This document represents written notice of your rights as required under §504. If you need further explanation or clarification of any of the rights described in this notice, please contact appropriate staff persons at the District's §504 Office listed below. They will be happy to assist you in understanding your rights.
2. Receive notice any time the District plans a change with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child; [34 CFR 104.36]
3. Have your child receive educational services at no cost, with the exception of certain costs normally also paid by parents of non-disabled students. Insurance companies and other similar third parties are not relieved of any existing obligation to provide or pay for services to a student that becomes eligible for services under §504. [34 CFR 104.33]
4. To have your child educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. Included is the right to have the school district make reasonable Services to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities. [34 CFR 104.34]
5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students. [34 CFR 104.34]
6. Have your child receive an appropriate education designed to meet his or her educational needs as adequately as the needs of non-disabled students are met. [34 CFR 104.33]
7. Have your child receive an evaluation prior to determining his or her appropriate educational placement or program of services under §504, and also before every subsequent significant change in placement. [34 CFR 104.35]. If formal assessment instruments are used as part of an evaluation, procedures used to administer assessments and other instruments must comply with the requirements of §504 regarding test validity, proper method of administration, and appropriate test selection. [34 CFR 104.35].
8. To periodic evaluations for your child to determine if there has been a change in educational need. Generally, an evaluation will take place at least every three years. [34 CFR 104.35].
9. To have evaluations, educational and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who are knowledgeable about your child, the meaning of the evaluation data, possible placement options, [34 CFR 104.35].
10. To examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluations educational program, and placement; [34 CFR 104.36]. You may also obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
11. To directly present your concerns regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement to the District's §504 Coordinator (or designee), who will investigate the situation, take into account the nature of the complaint and all necessary factors, and respond appropriately to you within a reasonable time.
12. To request an impartial due process hearing relation to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluations, educational program or placement. [34 CFR 104.36]. You and your student may take part in the hearing and you may have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the district ADA/Section 504 coordinator listed below. If you disagree with the decision of the hearing officer, you may have a right to seek a review of that decision before a court of competent jurisdiction (normally, your closest federal district court).

You also have a right to file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) of the Department of Education. The address of the OCR Regional Office that covers this school District is: [OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.KansasCity@ed.gov) (816)268-0550

The person responsible for assuring that the school district complies with Section 504 is the school district's ADA and Section 504 coordinator, the District's Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, 201 South Main, Goddard, KS 67052 316-794-4000.