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Paradise Unified School District

6696 Clark Rd., Paradise, CA 95969
Educational Services

Parents' Rights in Brief

Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973

It is the policy of the Board of Education to provide a free and appropriate public education to each student with a disability. It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are eligible for services and/or accommodations within the definition of Section 504 of the *Rehabilitation Act of 1973* are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services and/or accommodations.

Parents, (or, if age 18 or older, students) have the following rights under Section 504:

1. Right for your child to take part in and receive benefits from the District and its programs and activities, including nonacademic and extracurricular programs and activities, without discrimination on the basis of his/her disability;
2. Right to be informed, in your native language, of any proposed actions related to identification, evaluation, or educational placement of your child;
3. Right to examine all relevant records for your child;
4. Right to have an evaluation of your child that draws on information from a variety of sources in order to determine his/her eligibility for Section 504 services and/or accommodations;
5. Right to have periodic reevaluations of your child, including reevaluation before any significant change in your child's placement;
6. Right for your child to receive appropriate educational services and/or accommodations in the least restrictive environment that is appropriate for the child if he/she is found eligible under Section 504;
7. Right to a manifestation determination review before any disciplinary removal of your child that constitutes a significant change in placement, in order to determine if your child's misconduct was related to his/her disability;
8. Right to file a grievance under the District's Uniform Grievance Procedure for any claim of discrimination on the basis of disability and to appeal the grievance decision;
9. Right to request an impartial due process hearing under the District's Section 504 Procedures and Procedural Safeguards for any claim about the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of your child, to participate in and be represented by legal counsel at the hearing, and to appeal the hearing decision; and
10. Right to forego or terminate the District's grievance process and/or due process hearing procedures described above and file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR").

Note: Copies of the District's Uniform Grievance Procedure and the District's Section 504 Procedures and Procedural Safeguards, as well as contact information for OCR, are available at the Paradise Unified School District Office.