

IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND PLACEMENT UNDER SECTION 504

The Governing Board believes that all children, including children with disabilities, should have the opportunity to learn in a safe and nurturing environment. The Superintendent or designee shall work to identify children with disabilities who reside within the jurisdiction of the district in order to ensure that they receive educational and related services required by law.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide qualified students with disabilities with a free appropriate public education (FAPE), as defined under Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Such students shall receive regular or special education and related aids and services designed to meet their individual educational needs as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met.

In addition, qualified students with disabilities shall be provided an equal opportunity to participate in programs and activities that are integral components of the district's basic education program, including, but not limited to, extracurricular athletics, interscholastic sports, and/or other nonacademic activities.

The district's local control and accountability plan shall include goals and specific actions to improve student achievement and other outcomes for all students. At least annually, the Superintendent or designee shall assess the district's progress in attaining the goals established for all students and shall report these results to the Board.

In providing services to students with disabilities under Section 504, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure district compliance with law, including providing the students and their parents/guardians with applicable procedural safeguards and required notifications. Any dispute as to the identification, evaluation, or placement of any student with a disability shall be resolved in accordance with the processes specified in the "Procedural Safeguards" section of the accompanying administrative regulation.

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain a list of impartial hearing officers who are qualified and willing to conduct Section 504 hearings. To ensure impartiality, such officers shall not be employed by or under contract with the district in any other capacity except as hearing officer and shall not have any professional or personal involvement that would affect their impartiality or objectivity in the matter.

LEGAL REFERENCE:**EDUCATION CODE**

49423.5	Specialized physical health care services
52052	Numerically significant student subgroups
52060-52077	Local control and accountability plan
56043	Special education, timelines
56321	Assessment; development of IEP; parental notifications, consent

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

3051.12	Health and Nursing Services
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UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974
1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

705 Definitions; Vocational Rehabilitation Act
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 28

35.101-35.190 Nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in state and local government services

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 34

104.1-104.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap, especially:
104.1 Purpose to effectuate Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
104.3 Definitions
104.32 Location and notification
104.33 Free appropriate public education
104.34 Educational setting
104.35 Evaluation and placement
104.36 Procedural safeguards
104.37 Nonacademic services
104.7 Responsible employee; grievance procedures

COURT DECISIONS

Christopher S. v. Stanislaus County Office of Education, (2004) 384 F.3d 1205

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Rights of Students with Diabetes Under IDEA and Section 504, Policy Brief, December 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LEGAL ADVISORIES

Legal Advisory on Rights of Students with Diabetes in California's K-12 Public Schools, August 2007

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS PUBLICATIONS

Dear Colleague Letter and Resource Guide on Students with ADHD, July 2016
Protecting Students with Disabilities: Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities, October 2015
Dear Colleague Letter, January 2013
Dear Colleague Letter and Questions and Answers on ADA Amendments Act of 2008 for Students with Disabilities Attending Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, January 2012
Free Appropriate Public Education for Students with Disabilities: Requirements under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, September 2007

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights: <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr>