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If your child has a physical or mental disability, she/he may be eligible for a 504 plan.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is the civil rights law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability; and guarantees individuals with disabilities equal access to an education.

What is a 504 plan?

- A 504 plan is a written plan created for students with disabilities who require accommodations to be successful in the classroom.
- A 504 plan **is not** an Individualized Education Program (IEP) which requires more specialized instruction.
- A 504 plan is designed to insure that a student with a 504 disability is able to receive a free and appropriate public education under Section 504: that is, to receive educational opportunities and access to the educational environment

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- A plan may be terminated when, once an evaluation has been completed and the 504 committee determines, based on the information gathered from a variety of sources, that the student no longer has a substantial limitation to a major life activity.
- 504 plans and termination documentation become part of the student's school records.

NOTE: Students in Special Education are also covered by the protections of Section 504. For more information on the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, including a 504 plan, please visit the following website:

<http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/cguide.htm>