



## Notice of Section 504 Rights

Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act is a federal nondiscrimination statute that prohibits discrimination because of disability. The Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District (MSBSD) does not discriminate because of disability in its educational programs or activities.

Section 504 requires the District to identify, evaluate, and determine if a student is a qualified individual who requires accommodations to enable access to educational programs and activities. Accommodations are implemented through a Section 504 plan.

Parents may review the educational records of their students, including any Section 504 records. Review rights and requirements are described in School Board Policy 5125 (Student Records), which is available on the District's website or at the Superintendent's office at 501 N Gulkana, Palmer, AK 99645.

A parent or guardian may request review of a Section 504 plan or decision by contacting the school. A parent or guardian who disagrees with a Section 504 team decision may file a complaint by mail or e-mail with the Section 504 Coordinator at the MSBSD Equal Employment/Education Opportunity Office.

A parent or guardian who wishes to challenge an action or omission related to the identification, evaluation, or placement of the student may request a hearing before an impartial hearing officer by notifying the Section 504 Coordinator. The parent or guardian may participate in the hearing and may be represented by counsel.

A parent or guardian may also file a complaint alleging a violation of Section 504 requirements with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, 915 Second Avenue, Room 3310, Seattle, WA 98174-1099.