



CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY SECTION 504 POLICY

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working.
2. has a record of such impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such an impairment.

The City School District of the City of Albany acknowledges its responsibility under Section 504 to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any program or practices in the School District.

Under Section 504, the School District has the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent or person in parental relationship disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The superintendent of schools is directed to establish the appropriate regulations and procedures to effectively implement this policy.

Inquiries regarding compliance with this policy should be directed to the Section 504 Compliance Coordinator of the City School District of Albany, or to the following office:

United States Department of Education
Office of Civil Rights
Region II
26 Federal Plaza
33rd Floor, Room 33-103, 02-1010
New York, NY 10278-0082

