



ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO PARENTS

RIGHTS AFFORDED BY SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with disabilities under the Rehabilitation Act. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions.

You have the right to:

1. have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling conditions
2. have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law
3. receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation or placement of your child
4. have your child receive a free appropriate public education
5. have your child receive services and be educated in facilities which are comparable to those provided to nondisabled students
6. have evaluation, educational and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options
7. have transportation provided to and from the alternative placement setting (if the setting is a program not operated by the district) at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district
8. have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district
9. examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation and placement
10. file a local grievance
11. request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and be represented by counsel. Hearing requests must be made to the superintendent.
12. request Judicial Review through the court system

The person responsible for assuring that the Orange County Public Schools complies with Section 504 is Harriet P. Brown, Esquire, Director, ESE Policy & Procedures.