

**NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Northville, Michigan**

BOARD POLICY

**SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

The District, in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations, is committed to providing a free appropriate education to each qualified student with a disability within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.

The administrative rules establish the procedure by which the District may meet this commitment. The District may, as an alternative or in combination with its administrative procedure, follow the provision established for identification, evaluation and placement of students under the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA).

This Board Policy and the Administrative Procedure have been developed and adopted for the purpose of complying with the District's educational services obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulations and they are not designed or intended, nor should they be construed, to grant broader rights or remedies. The Board Policy and Administrative Procedure do not, and should not be construed to, create rights or remedies enforceable in contract or by any law other than Section 504 and its implementing regulations.

The District's administration may issue interpretative memoranda and adopt directives and procedures to implement Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Board Policy and Administrative Procedure.

The Director of Special Services is designated as the District's Section 504 Educational Services Coordinator. As such, the Director of Special Services is responsible for coordinating the implementation of the District's obligations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, its implementing regulations, Board Policy and the Administrative Procedure.

A student or parents/guardian, who believes that the District has violated its obligation under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or its implementing regulations, Board Policy or the Administrative Procedure, may file a written complaint in accordance with the Administrative Procedure within 10 calendar days of the alleged violation.

The parents/guardian or adult student may appeal the Superintendent's decision to the United States Department of Education Office of Civil Rights at a time and in a manner consistent with federal law.

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