

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Parent/Adult-Student Section 504 Accommodations Procedural Safeguards Statement

This procedural safeguards statement is to ensure that you, as the parent/guardian or the adult student, are fully informed concerning: (1) determinations or conclusions made regarding this student; and (2) your due process rights in the event that you disagree with those determinations or conclusions, in connection with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”). The parent/guardian or the adult student has the following rights under Section 504:

1. The student has the right to take part in and receive benefits from a public education without discrimination because of a disabling condition;
2. The right for the school district to advise you of your rights under federal law;
3. The right to have a Section 504 eligibility determination for the student that draws on information from a variety of sources;
4. The right to be informed of any proposed actions related to the identification, consideration for Section 504 eligibility and plan for services, if any, for the student;
5. The right to review all relevant records relating to the decisions regarding this student’s identification, consideration for Section 504 eligibility and plan for services, if any;
6. The right to receive all information regarding the student’s Section 504 eligibility in the parent’s/guardian’s/adult student’s native language and primary mode of communication;
7. If Section 504 Accommodations are provided, the right to request periodic reevaluations/evaluations before any significant change in accommodations is made;
8. The right to obtain copies of the student’s educational records at a reasonable cost, unless the fee would effectively deny you access to those records;
9. The right to receive a response from the school district to a reasonable request for explanation and interpretation of the student’s records;
10. The right to request amendment of the student’s educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of the student. If the school district refuses this request for amendment, you shall receive notification within a reasonable time and be advised of your right to a hearing;
11. The right to participate in an impartial hearing if there is disagreement with the school district’s proposed action;
12. The right to be represented by counsel in the impartial hearing process; and

13. The right to appeal the impartial hearing officer's decision.

In addition to the rights described above, you have the right to request a copy of *Parental Rights in Special Education (PRISE)*, published by the New Jersey Department of Education. *PRISE* sets forth additional rights for the parent of a student who is or may be determined eligible for special education services or an adult student who is or may be determined eligible for special education services. These rights may arise in connection with the identification, evaluation, classification of a student as eligible for special education services, including the development of an Individualized Educational Program, and a placement and the provision of a free, appropriate public education under the Section 6A:14 of the New Jersey Administrative Code for Special Education.

A copy of the *PRISE* will be provided to you one time each year, free of charge, upon: (1) your request; (2) referral for an initial evaluation for special education services eligibility; (3) a request for a due process hearing; or (4) your request for a complaint investigation.

To obtain a copy of *PRISE* and/or for help in understanding your rights, you may contact:

Dr. Teresa Herrero Taylor	<u>(732) 792-7300 x8590</u>
<u>504 Compliance Coordinator/Director of Special Services</u>	<i>Phone Number</i>

New Jersey Department of Education, the Salem County Office, at (856) 339-8611.

Office of Civil Rights – New York Office; at 646-428-3900

United States Department of Education – Office of Civil Rights; at 800-421-3481

Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) at (800) 654-7726

New Jersey Protection and Advocacy, Inc. at (800) 922-7233