



A Guide to 504 Plans

What is a 504 Plan?

It is a formal plan that schools develop to give students with disabilities the supports they need. These plans prevent discrimination and protect the rights of students with disabilities in school.

What is Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act?

It is a federal Civil Rights Law passed in 1973. It bans disability discrimination at Public Schools. It also applies to colleges and private schools that get federal funding. The law covers students of all ages.

	IEP	504 Plan
Type of Law	The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Civil Rights Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Department	Department of Education	Office of Civil Rights
What is Included in the Plan	Specialized education services Accommodations Related Services	Accommodations Modifications
Where is the Plan Used	Educationally through 12th grade An IEP does not transfer to college	School Work College A 504 Plan Transfers to College

How Can a Student Qualify for a 504 Plan?	Who Can Request a 504 Plan?	Parental Rights	Accommodations May Include:
<p>A student qualifies if they have a disability that affects or limits any of their abilities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care for oneself • Perform manual tasks • Seeing • Hearing • Eating • Sleeping • Walking • Standing • Lifting • Speaking • Breathing • Learning • Reading • Concentrating <p><i>The list is not intended to be all inclusive and an activity not listed may be covered.</i></p>	<p>Anyone can refer a student for evaluation, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent • Doctor • School staff. <p>* Remember: A school district must have a reason to believe that the student is in need of services under section 504*</p> <p><u>Type all links exactly as seen including any capital and lowercase letters, and numbers.</u></p>	<p>Parental consent is required for a 504 plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents must receive notice of decisions about their child • Parents can make written appeals to the school district or The Office of Civil Rights (bit.ly/officeforcivilrights) <p>Several options for resolving disagreements (bit.ly/resolving504dispute):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediation • Alternative dispute resolution • Impartial hearing • Lawsuit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Preferential seating ⇒ Extended time on test and assignments ⇒ Reduced homework or classwork ⇒ Verbal or visual aids ⇒ Modified textbooks ⇒ Audio-video materials ⇒ Behavior management support ⇒ Adjusted grading or class scheduling ⇒ Verbal testing ⇒ Excused lateness, absences or missed classwork ⇒ Occupational and/or physical therapy