

SECTION 504
NOTICE OF PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS
IN IDENTIFICATION/EVALUATION, AND PLACEMENT

In compliance with the procedural requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the following Notice of Parent/Student Rights in Identification, Evaluation, and Placement shall be utilized in the _____ School Corporation.

The following list of rights are given to insure the parent/guardian's awareness of the regulations about the evaluations of and/or special instruction which may be offered to his/her child. Should the parent/guardian have any questions, contact _____ (name). The parent also has the right to meet with the superintendent or designee and/or the local school board to resolve any objections to either the evaluation or educational placement of the student.

You may also contact the Director of Special Education at:

Ripley-Ohio-Dearborn Special Education Cooperative
925 N. Meridian Street, Suite 100
Sunman, IN 47041
(812) 623-2212

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to individuals with disabilities. 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:

- A.** Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs services, benefits, or opportunities to participate without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- B.** Have the school corporation advise you of your rights under federal law (This notice provides you a written copy of your rights).
- C.** Receive notice with respect to the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- D.** Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school corporation make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities. It further includes the right to free educational services except for those fees that are imposed on non-disabled students or their parents.
- E.** Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to nondisabled students.
- F.** Have your child receive special education and related services if she/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and/or, general education intervention/modifications outside of special education under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

- G.** Have an evaluation prior to placement into a Section 504 program or prior to a significant change in placement. The evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information and sources, and by persons who know the student, evaluation data, and placement options. The district shall consider, as appropriate, information from a variety of sources, including aptitude and achievement tests, teacher recommendations, physical condition, social and cultural background, adaptive behavior, physical or medical reports, student grades, progress reports, parent observations, anecdotal reports, and other sources.
- H.** Have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the school corporation.
- I.** Have your child participate in nonacademic and extra curricular activities offered by the school corporation in the same manner as nondisabled students.
- J.** Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- K.** Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
- L.** A response from the school corporation to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
- M.** Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school corporation refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.
- N.** Notice prior to any action by the district in regard to the identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
- O.** File a local complaint by writing the district's 504 Coordinator who will investigate the allegations to the extent warranted by the nature of the complaint in an effort to reach prompt and equitable resolution.
- P.** Request mediation or an impartial hearing of any decisions or actions taken by the school corporation regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your student may take part in these proceedings and have an attorney represent you. Requests for due process must be made to the superintendent or the Section 504 coordinator.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the placement, or with the provisions of a free appropriate public education for his/her child, the parent/guardian may make a written request for a hearing to the superintendent, indicating the specific reason(s) for the request.

The school corporation may initiate a hearing regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of the student or the provision of a free appropriate public education to the student. The school corporation shall notify the parent/guardian of the specific reason(s) for the request.

Q. File a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights 1-800-368-1019 (voice)
1-800-537-7697 (TTD) ocrmail@hhs.gov.

The person in this school corporation who is responsible for assuring that the school corporation is in compliance with Section 504 is _____