

SECTION 504: THE REHABILITATION ACT (REGULATIONS)

In an effort to comply with procedural requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, it is the intent of Yukon Public Schools to not discriminate on the basis of disability and to ensure that students who are disabled, within the definitions of Section 504, are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services.

Section 504 mandates that, "No otherwise qualified individual with handicaps in the United States shall, solely by reason of her or his handicap, as defined in section 706(8) of this title, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any executive agency or by the United States Postal Service." (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794)

Qualification for 504 eligibility is based on the results of an evaluation that accurately and completely assesses the nature and extent of the disability, and provides sufficient information to determine appropriate services. Determination of eligibility and services must be made by a group of persons knowledgeable about the student. A person is considered to have a disability under Section 504 if:

1. The person has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, including activities such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.
2. Has a record of such an impairment.
3. Is regarded as having such impairment.

Examples of students who might be eligible for special accommodations due to a substantial limitation could be students with conditions such as cancer, juvenile diabetes, asthma, ADD/ADHD, or Tourette's Syndrome. It is the responsibility of the school site team to gather and review data, consider the impact upon the student in the educational setting, and to make the necessary accommodations and/or modifications for the student to receive services comparable to those of his/he non-disabled peers.

For information concerning Section 504 or referral procedures, contact the District Section 504 coordinator, Special Education Director, 600 Maple Street, Yukon, OK 73099 at (405) 350-1341.

**REFERENCE: Public Law 94 – 142 & IDEA 1997
Board Minutes dated July 6, 1999**

**CROSS-REFERENCE: Policy FFACA, Medication: Administering to Students
Student Handbooks**

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