

Section 504 Parent/Student Rights

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students 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:

- 1. Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling condition/disability.
- 2. Have the Shiocton School District advised you of your rights under federal law. Receive notice with respect to Section 504 identification, evaluation and/or placement of your child.
- 3. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with nondisabled students to the maximum extent appropriate in the least restrictive environment. It also includes the right to have the Shiocton School District make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.
- 4. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided to non-disabled students.
- 5. Have your child receive special education and related services if he/she is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- 6. Have an evaluation, educational recommendation, and placement decision based upon a variety of information sources and developed by a team of persons who are knowledgeable of the student, the assessment data, and any placement options. If eligible under Sec. 504, this includes periodic re-evaluations at 3 year intervals or more frequently if warranted, or if parent or teacher requests.
- 7. 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 Shiocton School District.
- 8. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the Shiocton School District.
- 9. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's Section 504 identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- 10. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records. Obtain a response from the Shiocton School District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records. 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 Shiocton School District refuses this request for amendment, Shiocton 504 Coordinator shall notify you within a reasonable time and advise you of your right to an impartial hearing.
- 11. Request mediation or file a grievance in accordance with the Shiocton School District's Section 504 mediation, grievance and hearing procedures. Request an impartial hearing (due process hearing) regarding, the Section 504 identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement of your child. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you.
- 12. You have the right to file a formal complaint with the U.S. Department of Education: Office for Civil Rights, Region Citigroup Center, 500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1475, Chicago, IL 60661, Phone: (312) 730-1560

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