

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with disabilities Act prohibits discrimination against person with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. Section 504 defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity such as walking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, seeing, speaking, caring for one's self, working, helping, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, and the operation of a bodily function ;
2. Has a record of such impairment;
3. Or is regarded as having such impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under section 504, the Jones County School District acknowledges its responsibility under section 504/ADA to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any program and practice in the school system.

The Jones County School District has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to provide appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, they have a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact the Jones County School District at 605-669-2258.

The Jones County School District has the following documents available for review by parents of children with disabilities and the general public:

1. Comprehensive Plan for Special Education
2. IDEA Federal Application for Funds
3. The most recent Special Education Compliance Monitoring final report.
4. Applications, evaluations, periodic program plan or reports relating to federal programs including auditor's reports, statements of assurance, budget and grant materials.

Information will be available at the Jones County School District's Superintendents Office, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.