

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS: SECTION 504**

The following is a description of the rights granted by Federal law to student with disabilities. You have the right to be fully informed concerning decisions about your child and of your options if you disagree with any of the Section 504 Team decisions. **You have the right to:**

Have your child receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education without discrimination because of his/her disability.

Have your child given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the district.

Have the school district advise you of your rights under Federal law.

Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child and be included in the decisions or actions relative to the 504 Process.

Have the Section 504 Plan reviewed at least annually, if one is developed, and have your child re-evaluated at least every three years or before any significant change is made in placement.

Receive all Section 504 information in your native language or other primary mode of communication.

Examine your child's educational records and obtain copies at a reasonable cost, unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.

Request an 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 district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing.

File a local grievance with the Section 504 Coordinator or request a review by the Regional Section 504 Review Panel to review your complaint and render a decision on the matters raised in your complaint/grievance.

Request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement.