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**STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION**

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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to protect disabled students from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive the required free appropriate public education.

**II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

- A. Students with disabilities are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.
- B. It is the responsibility of the school to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive the required free appropriate public education.
- C. For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who:
  - 1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, including learning; or
  - 2. has a record of such impairment; or
  - 3. is regarded as having such impairment.
- D. Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require IEP services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

**III. COORDINATOR**

Persons who have questions, comments, or complaints should contact the Administrator or his/her designee regarding grievances or hearing requests relative to disability issues. This person is the school's ADA/504 Compliance Officer.

**LEGAL REFERENCES:**

29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq. (§ 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973)  
34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Implementing Regulations)