

## **521 STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION**

### **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. Disabled students who meet the criteria of Paragraph C. below are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.
- B. It is the responsibility of the school district 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 of such person's major life activities; 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 or comments should contact the school district's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator at (218) 566-2351. Persons who wish to make a complaint regarding a disability discrimination matter may use the accompanying Student Disability Discrimination Grievance Report Form. The form should be given to the ADA/Section 504 Coordinator.

**Legal References:** Pub. L. 110-325, 122 Stat. 3553 (ADA Amendments Act of 2008, § 7)  
29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq. (§ 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973)  
34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Implementing Regulations)

**Cross References:** MSBA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)