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TITLE IX
COORDINATOR

The District designates the following employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended:

Name: Margaret Duchamp
Position: Executive Director of Human Resources
Address: P.O. Box 1107, Orange, TX 77630
Telephone: (409) 882-5610

SECTION 504
COORDINATOR

The District designates the following employee to coordinate its efforts to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended:

Name: ~~Pauline Soileau~~ Carmen Purgahn
Position: Director of Special Education
Address: P.O. Box 1107, Orange, TX 77630
Telephone: (409) 882-5407

SUPERINTENDENT

The Superintendent shall serve as coordinator for purposes of District compliance with all other antidiscrimination laws.

COMPLAINTS

Allegations of unlawful discrimination, prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, or retaliation shall be made according to FFH(LOCAL).

RECORDS
RETENTION

Copies of reports alleging discrimination, prohibited harassment, including sexual harassment, and retaliation; investigation reports; and related records shall be maintained by the District for a period of at least three years. If the person alleged to have experienced discrimination, prohibited harassment, or retaliation was a minor, the records shall be maintained until the person reaches the age of 21.

SECTION 504
COMMITTEE

The Section 504 coordinator and members of the Section 504 committee shall receive training in the procedures and requirements for identifying and providing educational and related services to those students who have disabilities, but who are not in need of special education in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). [See EHBA]

The Section 504 committee shall be composed of at least two persons, including persons knowledgeable about the student, the meaning of the evaluation data, the placement options, and the legal requirements regarding least restrictive environment and comparable facilities for students with disabilities.

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REFERRALS	A student may be referred by parents, teachers, counselors, administrators, or any other District employee for evaluation to determine if the student has disabilities and is in need of special instruction or services.
PARENTAL CONSENT	The Section 504 coordinator shall notify parents prior to any individual evaluation conducted to determine if their child has disabilities or to determine what educational or related services should be provided to the student. Parental consent shall be obtained before the initial student evaluation procedures for the identification, diagnosis, and prescription of specific education services.
NOTICE TO PARENTS	Parents shall be given written notice of the District's refusal to evaluate a student or to provide specific aids and services the parents have requested.
PREPLACEMENT EVALUATION	The results of the evaluation shall be considered before any action is taken to place a student with disabilities or make a significant change in placement in an instructional program. The evaluation shall include consideration of adaptive behavior. Adaptive behavior is the effectiveness with which the individual meets the standards of personal independence and social responsibility expected of his or her age and cultural group.
IMPARTIAL HEARING	Parents shall be given written notice of their due process right to an impartial hearing if they have a concern or complaint about the District's actions regarding the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student with disabilities. The impartial hearing shall be conducted by a person who is knowledgeable about the issues involved in Section 504 and who is not employed by the District or related to a member of the Board in a degree that would be prohibited under the nepotism statute [see DBE]. The impartial hearing officer is not required to be an attorney.
STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENTS	Modifications in taking the state-mandated assessments may be made for a Section 504 student when the modifications have been determined not to destroy the validity of the test, are necessary for the student to take the test, are consistent with modifications provided the student in the classroom, and are approved by TEA. [See EKB]