

SPRAGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Baltic, Connecticut

POLICY REGARDING SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (“Section 504”) is an Act that prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance. For the purposes of Section 504, the term “disability” with respect to an individual means:

1. A physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual;
2. A record of such an impairment; or
3. Being regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Sprague School District recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel, students, parents and members of the public who participate in school sponsored programs. In this regard, Sprague School District will not knowingly permit discrimination against any person with a disability in any of the programs operated by the school system. Persons who feel that they may have been discriminated against on the basis of disability should contact the Sprague School District’s Section 504 Coordinator.

The school district also has specific responsibilities under Section 504 with respect to providing access to appropriate educational services for students who qualify under Section 504. These responsibilities include the obligation to identify, to evaluate, and to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the decisions made by the professional staff of the school district with respect to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of their child, he/she has a right to an impartial hearing. Additional written information about an impartial hearing is available on request from the Section 504 Coordinator.

Please contact the Principal, the Section 504 Coordinator for the Sprague School District, at 860-822-8264 with any additional questions or concerns about this policy.

Legal References: 29 U.S.C. § 794. 34 C.F.R. § 104 *et seq.* 42 U.S.C. 12101 *et seq.* ADA Amendments of 2008, Public Law 110-325. *Protecting Students with Disabilities, Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities*, Office for Civil Rights (March 27, 2009), available at <http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html>.

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