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POLICY 521 STUDENT DISABILITY NONDISCRIMINATION

I. PURPOSE

To protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to provide for the identification and the evaluation of students 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 a 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 District to identify and evaluate students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such students may receive a free appropriate public education.
- C. For this Policy, a student 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 by the student's 504 team.
- D. Students may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

III. COORDINATOR

Persons who have questions, comments, or complaints should contact the Assistant Superintendent for the name and phone number of the District ADA/504 Coordinator regarding grievances or hearing requests regarding disability issues.