

**PATTONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**EPS Code:      ACB**

**District Code:   New**

**NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF HANDICAP**

The Board believes that discrimination against a qualified handicapped person solely on the basis of handicap is unfair. Furthermore, the Board believes that qualified handicapped persons should be in the mainstream of life in the school community to the extent which is reasonably permissible and/or possible.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its accompanying regulations, the Board declares that the school system does not and will not discriminate on the basis of handicapping conditions in the educational programs and activities of the District. This policy will extend not only to students with regard to educational opportunities, but also to employees with regard to employment opportunities and to individuals with whom the Board does business.

Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975, a school district:

1.     May not discriminate against qualified handicapped persons in any respect of school district employment solely on the basis of handicap.
2.     Must make facilities, programs and activities accessible, usable and open to qualified persons.
3.     Must provide free appropriate education at elementary and secondary levels, including non-academic and extracurricular services and activities to qualified handicapped persons.
4.     May not exclude any qualified handicapped persons solely on the basis of handicap from participation in any pre-school education or day care program or activity, or any adult education or vocation program or activity.

Accordingly, it will be the policy of the District to continually evaluate its practices and procedures to ensure fair and equitable educational and employment opportunities without regard to handicap to all of its students and employees.

The Board will designate an individual to act as the District's Section 504 compliance and grievance discrimination officer. All students and employees will be notified annually of the name, office address and telephone number of the designee.

Adopted: June 30, 1981

Reviewed:

Legal Refs.: 20 U.S.C. 1401 et.seq.

          P.L. 93-112 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

          Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975