

# Students with Disabilities and Section 504

## WHAT IS SECTION 504?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 covers qualified students with disabilities who attend schools, programs, or activities that receive federal funds. It applies to all public schools and to private schools if they receive federal funding. Section 504 requires that school districts provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to qualified students who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. The resources listed below provide more information on Section 504, the process of determining eligibility and developing a 504 plan, and comparison of provisions of Section 504 with provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

## OVERVIEW OF SECTION 504

A parent's guide to Section 504 in public schools

By M. Durham. 2003; updated 2010. Educational Rights Information & Consulting Center.

<http://www.greatschools.org/special-education/legal-rights/868-section-504.gs>

Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities  
US Office for Civil Rights. 2011.

<http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/504faq.html#introduction>

My District Doesn't Do 504's...

Wrightslaw. 2008.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/blog/?p=53>

Section 504 Online Introductory Tutorial

Florida State Department of Education. 2006.

<http://sss.usf.edu/504tutorial/Introduction/Introduction.html>

## COMPARISON OF SECTION 504 WITH ADA (AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT) AND IDEA (INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT)

A Comparison of ADA, IDEA, and Section 504.

Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund (DREDF)

<http://www.dredf.org/advocacy/comparison.html>

Key Differences Between Section 504, the ADA and the IDEA

By P. Wright and P. Wright. 2008. Wrightslaw.

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/sec504.summ.rights.htm>

## SECTION 504 AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

ADA Q&A...The ADA, Section 504 & Postsecondary Education

By D. Leuchovius. Pacer Center.

<http://www.pacer.org/publications/adaqa/504.asp>

Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

The College Board. 2011.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd/student/index.html>

