

Section 504 Notification Letter to Parents

The Independence Community School District does not discriminate in its educational programs and activities on the basis of a student's disability. We have reason to suspect that _____ may have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. We will be convening a team of individuals to determine whether accommodations may need to be made to meet his or her individual needs as adequately as the need of other students. We want to include people on the team who know your child, and would especially value your input.

Once the information has been reviewed, we will be meeting with you to discuss plans to meet your child's needs. Please feel free to contact

_____ at
Section 504 Liaison or Appointee

School

Parents and students have specific rights under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. These rights are summarized on the back of the form.

Please provide your consent for us to accomplish this evaluation by indicating your decision and providing your signature below and returning the bottom half of this form to:

_____ at
Section 504 Liaison or Appointee

School

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Parent Consent

Student's Name

Date

_____ Yes, I consent to the proposed screening/evaluation.

_____ No, I do not consent to the proposed screening/evaluation.

Comments: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature

Section 504 Student and Parental Rights

As a parent you have the right to the following:

- Participation of your child in school district programs and activities, including extracurricular programs and activities, to the maximum extent appropriate, free of discrimination based upon the student's disability and at the same level as students without disabilities;
- Receipt of free educational services to the extent they are provided students without disabilities;
- Receipt of information about your child and your child's educational programs and activities in your native language;
- Notice of identification of your child as having a qualifying disability for which accommodations may need to be made and notice prior to evaluation and placement of your child and right to periodically request a re-evaluation of your child;
- Inspect and review your child's educational records including a right to copy those records for a reasonable fee; you also have a right to ask the school district to amend your child's educational records if you feel the information in the records is misleading or inaccurate; should the school district refuse to amend the records, you have a right to a hearing and to place an explanatory letter in your child's file explaining why you feel the records are misleading or inaccurate;
- A hearing before an impartial hearing officer if you disagree with your child's evaluation or placement; you have a right to counsel at the hearing and have the decision of the impartial hearing officer reviewed.