

Shelby County Schools

Annual Notice to Parents Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

In compliance with state and federal laws, Shelby County Schools will provide to each eligible student with disabilities, without discrimination or cost to the student or family, special education and related aids and services, and/or reasonable accommodations that are needed to provide the student an equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of school programming, including extracurricular activities, to the extent appropriate to the student's abilities. In order to qualify as a protected student with a disability pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the child must be of school age and have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits a major life activity with prohibits participation in or access to school programs. This includes children having disabilities resulting from medical conditions including food allergies, asthma, diabetes, and other health impairments. The District is responsible for evaluating students suspected of having Section 504 disabilities at no cost to parents. Please contact your child's school if you suspect that he or she has a disability and may require Section 504 accommodations and/or services.

Services and protections for students determined to have disabilities pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 including freedom from harassment and discrimination on the basis of disability are distinct from those services and protections applicable to eligible students with disabilities enrolled in, or seeking enrollment in, special education programs governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA 2004). To learn more about the evaluation process or services that are available to children with disabilities, please contact your child's school or contact:

504 Compliance Shelby County Schools Student Services 2800 Grays Creek Arlington, TN 38002 (901)416-6007 FAX: (901)416-8476

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