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**Section 504 Informational Notice
Hawkins County**

Section 504 is an Act, which prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as any who:

- Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activity (i.e., caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working).
- Has a record of such impairment
- Is regarded as having such an impairment

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Hawkins County School System recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices in the schools system.

Hawkins County School System has specific responsibilities under the Act, which include the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford the access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specify rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to:

Inspect and review his/her child's educational records:

Make copies of these records

Receive a list of all individuals having access to those records

Ask for an explanation of any item in the records:

As for an amendment to any report on the grounds that is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights.

A hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make an amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact Angela Jackson, Director of Special Education & Section 504 Compliance Coordinator, at the following phone number: 423-272-7629-EXT. 2404