Instruction

**Education of Students with Disabilities under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be a qualified disabled person under this policy even though they are not eligible for services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Section 504 is a civil rights law which protects the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education. A child is a "qualified disabled person" under Section 504 if he or she:

A. Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating and working), has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment; and

B. Is between the ages of 3 to 21 years old.

The Superintendent or designee will establish procedures to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 are educated in full compliance with the law.

**Cross Reference:**
- Board Policy 2161 Special Education and Related Services for Eligible Students
- Board Policy 3210 Nondiscrimination
- Board Policy 3246 Restraint, Isolation and Other Uses of Reasonable Force
- Board Policy 3247 Required Notification of Isolation or Restraint of Students with IEPs or Section 504 Plans

**Legal References:**
- 34 CFR Part 104 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 42 USC 12101et seq. Section 512 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- 34 CFR Part 99 Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- RCW 28A.600.485 Restraint of students - Use of restraint or isolation specified in individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act if 1973 - Procedures. Summary of incidents of isolation or restraint-Publishing to web site.
- RCW 28A.600.486 District policy on use of isolation or restraint - Notice to parents and guardians of children who have individualized education programs or plans developed under section 504 of the rehabilitation act of 1973.

**Management Resources:**
- Policy Alert June 2011
- Policy Alert June 2014
- Policy Alert November 2016

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