



United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION

Chief Academic Office
Albuquerque, NM 87104

Section 504 Rights and Procedural Safeguards

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly called "Section 504," is a federal law that protects students from discrimination based on disability. Section 504 assures that students with disabilities have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to students without disabilities. To be eligible, a student must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity.

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION

Your child has the right to:

- Participate in and benefit from the school's educational programs without discrimination based on disability.
- If eligible, have your student receive accommodations under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Be provided an equal opportunity to participate in the school's nonacademic and extracurricular activities.
- Be educated in facilities and receive services that are comparable to those provided to students without disabilities.
- Receive accommodations and/or auxiliary aids and services to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school activities.
- Receive auxiliary aids and services without cost to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school activities. This does not include educational aids unrelated to your child's disability for which fees are imposed on parents of all children.
- Receive special education services if needed.

YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

You have the right to:

- Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your student's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- Obtain copies of your student's education records, the cost, if any, not to exceed the actual cost to the educational institution of reproducing the copies.
- Request amendment of your student's education records if they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of students.
- Request a hearing to challenge the content of your student's education records.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DECISION OF THE SCHOOL

If you believe that BIE has discriminated against you or your child based on disability, you may file a complaint of discrimination with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights (ODICR), or to file a complaint in federal court. Generally, an ODICR complaint may be filed within 180 calendar days of the act that you believe was discriminatory.

Complaints to ODICR may be sent to:

Director
Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW, MS #4353
Washington, DC, 20240

Telephone Number for the General Public: (202) 208-5693

Facsimile: (202) 208-6112

FedRelay: (800) 877-8339 TTY / ASCII