

## **Section 504 Notice of Parent/Student Rights and Procedural Safeguards**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits the discrimination against handicapped persons, including both students and staff members, by school districts receiving Federal financial assistance. Parent/student rights under Section 504 include the following:

1. Right to have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
2. Right to have the School District advise you of your rights under Federal law.
3. Right to receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of your child.
4. Right to have your child receive a free appropriate public education regardless of the nature or severity of the child's disability. This includes the provision of special or regular education and related aids and services that are designed to meet individual educational needs of students with disabilities as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met and is based upon adherence to procedures that satisfy the Section 504 requirements pertaining to educational setting, evaluation and placement and procedural safeguards.
5. Right to have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided nondisabled students.
6. Right to have your child receive special education and related services if s/he is found to be eligible under Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act or under Section 504.
7. Right to have evaluation, educational, and placement decision made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, and are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options.
8. Right to have transportation provided to and from an alternative placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by this District.
9. Right to have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the District.
10. Right to examine all relevant records relating to the decision regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
11. Right to obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records.
12. Right to a response from the School District to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records.
13. Right to request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that information contained in the record(s) is inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the School District refuses to amend the record(s), you have the right to request a hearing and/or to place in the record a statement of why you disagree with the information it contains.
14. Right to Request mediation or an impartial due-process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement. You and your child may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the District's Section 504 Compliance Officer.
15. Right to receive all information in the parent's native language and mode of communication.
16. Right to file a local grievance or a complaint with the Office of Civil Rights at any time.

The Pymatuning Valley Board of Education has designated the Director of Pupil Services as the District's Section 504 Compliance Officer. The Director of Pupil Services can be reached at the following address/phone number/email:

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The office for Civil Rights of the United States Department of Education enforces the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The address of the Ohio Office is: Office for Civil Rights, Cleveland Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Superior Avenue East, Suite 750, Cleveland, OH 44114-2611; telephone: (216) 522-4970; facsimile: (216) 522-2573.