

**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING SECTION 504
OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973
USD 308
HUTCHINSON, KS 67501**

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

Has a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working).

In order to fulfill its obligations under Section 504/ADA, USD 308 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 school system.

The school has specific responsibilities under the Act, which include the responsibility to identify, evaluate and, if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504/ADA, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

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

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

- Inspect and review his/her child's educational records;
- Obtain copies of these records;
- Receive a list of all individuals having access to those records;
- Ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights;
- A hearing on the issue if the school refused to make the amendment.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact:

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USD 308 does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in employment or in access to or the use of its programs and activities.