

## WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## NOTICE OF PARENT/STUDENT PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

The following is a description of the procedural safeguards afforded to parents and their children who are identified as disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ("Section 504"). The school district is required to inform you of decisions about your child and of your rights if you disagree with any of those decisions. You have the following rights:

- 1. To have your child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability.
- 2. To be informed by the school district of your rights under federal law.
- 3. To receive notice from the school regarding the identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement of your child.
- 4. To have your child receive a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) in accordance with Section 504 regulations. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate, as well as the right to reasonable accommodations, modifications, and related aids and services necessary for your child to benefit from their educational program.
- 5. To have your child educated in facilities comparable to those provided to non-disabled students and to receive comparable services.
- 6. To have decisions regarding your child's evaluation, program, and placement based on a variety of information sources, and made by individuals familiar with the student, the evaluation data, and the placement options.
- 7. To have your child re-evaluated periodically, including before any significant changes are made to your child's educational program or placement.
- 8. To ensure that your child receives an equal opportunity to participate in extra-curricular school activities.
- 9. To examine all relevant educational records related to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement.
- 10. To file a complaint through local complaint procedures regarding any alleged violation of the Rehabilitation Act.
- 11. To request an impartial hearing to dispute decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement as a student with a disability. The hearing will be conducted by a person who is not an employee of the district, and you may have an attorney represent you at your own expense. The decisions made by hearing officers or others can be reviewed in state or federal court.

If you have any questions about how to request a hearing or need further information, please contact the person responsible for Section 504 compliance in the district:

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