

## **SECTION 504**

The Morgan Hill Unified School District is committed to full compliance with the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504). As part of the implementation of this law, the district will provide reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities so they can participate fully in educational programs and activities.

### **Definition and Identification of Disability under Section 504**

The general definition of a student with a disability is any person who has a history of, or is reported as showing, a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. This disability must be identified and documented through an evaluation process.

### **Accommodations**

Reasonable accommodations must be directly related to the assessed disability and may not change the fundamental nature or essential curricular components of programs. Such accommodations may include but are not limited to time, resources, equipment and support personnel.

### **Obtaining Accommodations**

Students seeking academic or physical accommodations should provide the school principal with verification of documentation identifying the specific disability, the relationship between the disability and the requested modifications, the required modification and the duration of the accommodation need.

### **Complaint Investigation**

Any individual believing that an appropriate accommodation has not been provided may resolve the matter through the Section 504 Complaint Procedure delineated in Administrative Regulation 6300.

### **Legal References:**

UNITED STATES CODE. TITLE 20  
1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy  
Act of 1974  
1400 et seq. Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act

UNITED STATES CODE. TITLE 29  
701 et seq. Rehabilitation Act of 1973  
794 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS. TITLE 34

104.1-104.61 Nondiscrimination on the basis of  
handicap, especially

104.1 Purpose to effectuate Section 504 of  
the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

104.3 Definitions

104.35 Evaluation and placement

104.36 Procedural safeguards

Southeastern Community College vs. Davis

(1970) 442 U.S. 397; 99 Supreme

Court 2361

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