

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act & The Americans with Disabilities Act

...to provide support and clarification to assist LEAs in implementing this federal regulation. Below is short description of Section 504 along with some highlighted resources to support LEAs.

According to the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights, “The mission of the Office for Civil Rights is to **ensure equal** access to education and to promote educational excellence throughout the nation through vigorous enforcement of civil rights.” The purpose of Section 504, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and their corresponding amendments and regulations is to protect the ability of students with disabilities to access all the aids, services and benefits of public school that are afforded to students without disabilities. An individual with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities is protected against exclusion or harassment due to disability. The Office for Civil Rights is the arm of the government that enforces the both laws.

A [Free Appropriate Public Education](#) (FAPE) is defined by regulations as general or special education and related aids and services that are designed to meet the individual educational needs of students with disabilities as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities are met, at no cost to the individual or their parents or guardians. The implementation of an Individualized Educational Program (IEP) developed in accordance with IDEA is one means of meeting the regulatory standard.



Resources

Webinars, presentations, and FAQ's about Section 504 and other topics can be found on the [TEA Special Education Webpage](#)

[United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Webpage](#)

[United States Department of Education Office for Civil Rights Frequently Asked Questions About Section 504 and the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)

[Parent and Educator Resource Guide to Section 504 in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools](#)

[Section 504](#)

[Section 504 Regulations \[34 CFR 104\]](#)

[Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990](#)

[Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Regulations \[28 CFR 35\]](#)

[Office for Civil Rights FAQs](#)

Coming Soon

Be on the lookout for a publication from the TEA Technical Assistance Team about Section 504!

[Webinar: Section 504 Update – Behavior](#), October 22, 2019 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

2019 Southwest Section 504 Conference, November 11-12, 2019 Austin, TX