

Section 504 Policy

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, typically referred to as "Section 504," is a federal law that prohibits discrimination against students on the basis of disability. Specifically, the law states:

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability... shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.

29 USC § 794

As a recipient of federal funding, the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District must ensure that eligible students with disabilities under Section 504 are not denied access to educational facilities, programs, and opportunities on the basis of their disability.

The District shall not discriminate against any student having a disability, a record of having had a disability, or who is otherwise regarded as having a disability. As required by law, the District shall also attempt to locate and identify each student within the District's jurisdiction who may be an eligible student under Section 504. The District shall evaluate each student identified under Section 504 and provide each eligible student with a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), which is the provision of related aids and services to meet the educational needs of eligible students with a disability as adequately as the needs of students without disabilities.

The District expects its employees to be knowledgeable about its Section 504 procedures. If you have Section 504 questions concerning either current or prospective students, please contact the District's Section 504 Coordinator:

Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
15 Charter Road
Acton, MA 01720
(978) 264-4700 x3265

References: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
Title II, Americans with Disabilities Education Act
ABRSC Policy JB: Equal Educational Opportunities

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