No qualified student with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any district program, including nonacademic services and extracurricular activities. The district seeks to identify and evaluate students who may have disabilities as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The district will provide students with disabilities a free and appropriate public education as required by law.

The superintendent or designee is directed to create procedures to assist the district in properly identifying, evaluating and serving students with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in the district's educational programs.

Section 504 and ADA Compliance Officer

The district designates the compliance officer listed in policy AC as the district's Section 504 and ADA compliance officer. All complaints or concerns regarding illegal discrimination must be brought to the attention of the compliance officer.

Notice and Child Find

District publications will include notification to students and the public that the district does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to, or treatment in, its programs or activities. The notice will provide district contact information for members of the public to notify the district if they know or believe that a child may have a disability.

Grievance Procedure

All complaints alleging discrimination, violation of law or failure to follow district policies or procedures regarding the education or accommodation of students with disabilities will be made to the compliance officer and will be investigated immediately. The district will use the grievance procedure outlined in policy AC. Complaints may be made at any time to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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