

REGULAR EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Section 504 is a federal civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities. All students who are identified as having an educational disability and are receiving special education services are automatically protected under *Section 504*.

There are, however, students who do not require special education services, but who do have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activity, have a record of such impairment, or are regarded as having such impairment, requiring accommodation to ensure them access to all public school programs and activities. These students are also protected under *Section 504*.

Section 504 requires appropriate evaluation, a committee to determine eligibility for service and level of accommodation, periodic review, and due process privileges. The Committee on Special Education (CSE), a CSE Subcommittee, and/or a Building Level 504 Committee will serve to evaluate referrals under *Section 504*. If a student is found to have an educational disability, she/he will be appropriately classified. If the student does not require special education services, but meets the criteria for accommodation under *Section 504*, the respective Committee will draft a 504 Accommodation Plan for the student.

Great Neck Public Schools

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