

SPECIAL EDUCATION

All children with disabilities have the right to a free appropriate public education as provided under Illinois and federal law. It is the obligation of the school District to properly identify, evaluate and place such disabled children. For children aged 3-21, a child with a disability could include a condition resulting in some kind of developmental delay, or identification of one or more of the following: autism, deaf-blindness, visual impairment, other health impairment, specific learning disability, serious emotional disturbance, hearing impairment, speech or language impairment or traumatic brain injury. Parents of disabled students are also entitled to a copy of procedural safeguards once a year, as well as with the initial referral of a student, or request by a parent, for an evaluation or request for a due process hearing. Any questions regarding the proper identification, evaluation or placement of any such children may be directed to Ms. Andrea Delaney at 708 388-8920, extension 4109. A copy of a notice of procedural safeguards and parent rights is available to parents at the following links:

<http://www.isbe.state.il.us/spec-ed/html/parents.html>

SECTION 504/AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the federal Rehabilitation Act require the school District to ensure that no individual will be discriminated against based upon a disability. Under federal law, qualified students with disabilities may be entitled to certain services or accommodations related to their school programming. Parents who believe their child may have a disability that substantially limits their child's ability to function properly in school should contact the District 504/ADA Coordinator Ms. Andrea Delaney at 708 388-8920, extension 4109.