

Section 504: The OTHER Service Option

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Since 1975, every child with a disability has been entitled to a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) designed to meet his individual needs under the rules and regulations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

This federal law governs all special education services and provides some funding to state and local education agencies to guarantee special education and related services for those students who meet the criteria for eligibility in a number of distinct categories of disability, each of which has its own criteria.

However, not every child with learning and attention issues qualifies for special education services under IDEA. Many parents are surprised to find that their child's disability must adversely affect educational performance to be eligible for a free, appropriate public education (FAPE) under the IDEA. Many don't know there is another service option.

Section 504 as it is often called, is a civil rights law that covers the rights of all individuals with disabilities, not just school-aged children. It prohibits disability discrimination by any program or activity that receives federal funds and is a part of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and requires the needs of students with disabilities to be met as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled are met.

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Learn more about the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act - The OTHER service option at our upcoming webinar. We will explore this service option and participants will gain an understanding of the distinction between both federal laws.

What do parents need to know about Section 504? It is important for parents of students with disabilities and special needs to have information and an understanding of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Understanding the provisions of this important law can help parents be effective partners in working with schools to meet the educational needs of their student with disabilities.

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