

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973

ELLSWORTH-KANOPOLIS-GENESEO SCHOOL DISTRICT #327

Section 504 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working);
2. has a record of such impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the Ellsworth Kanopolis Geneseo School District has the responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability should knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the student is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational service. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

If there are questions, please feel free to contact the Superintendent of Schools, Section 504 Coordinator for the school district, at (785) 472-5561.