

DESOTO PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
PARENTAL RIGHTS

The following description of the rights granted by federal law to parents of students with disabilities is intended to keep you, the parent(s), fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions.

You have a right:

- **to have your child take part in, and receive benefit from, education programs or activities without discrimination based on his/her disability;**
- **to receive notice with respect to the identification and evaluation of your child and the determination if your child is a qualified individual requiring accommodations necessary to provide access to educational programs and activities;**
- **to have your child receive a free appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment;**
- **to have your child receive services and be educated in facilities comparable to those provided to nondisabled students;**
- **to have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based on a variety of information sources, and by persons who know your child and who are knowledgeable about the evaluation data and placement options;**
- **to have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in nonacademic and extracurricular activities offered by the district;**
- **to have the opportunity to review relevant educational records under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA);**
- **to request a hearing before an impartial hearing officer by notifying the school principal and DeSoto Parish Section 504 Coordinator should you disagree with the group/team/committee making decisions regarding the evaluation and accommodation plan for access to educational programming and/or facilities.;**

If you wish to contest an action taken by the §Section 504 Committee by means of an impartial due process hearing, you must submit a Notice of Appeal or a Request for Hearing to the District's §Section 504 Coordinator at the address below:

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