

What is the 504 Program?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act is a civil rights legislation that protects individuals with disabilities from discrimination. The act predated and laid the groundwork for the current Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA), an entitlement program with funding for students meeting specific disability guidelines. Section 504, as civil rights legislation, prevents discrimination against students based on their disability, but does not provide funding to develop new programs for qualified students.

What is said in the Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act states that: "No otherwise qualified individual with disabilities in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance..."

Policies/procedures for students under Section 504?

Katherine Anne Porter School has policies and procedures in place to address the needs of students with disabilities under Section 504. Referrals go through the campus RTI (Response to Intervention) support team. When classroom intervention options to assist a child to be successful have been tried and a disability is suspected, the RTI support team may refer the student for Section 504 evaluation.

Who to contact for more information:

Katherine Anne Porter School has a staff member who serves as the campus 504 contact. For more information or concerns regarding Section 504, you may contact the campus representatives, Melissa Moncus or Julie Gifford at (512) 847-6867 or mmoncus@kapschool.org & jgifford@kapschool.org