Section 504 Services at J.W. Williams Middle School

Dear Wildcat Families,

I would like to take the time to introduce myself to you. My name is Mike McMahon and I will be your child's Section 504 Campus Coordinator at JW Willliams Middle School. My job is to support you and your child. I will be the point of contact if you are needing to schedule a meeting, if you have any concerns regarding your student's 504 accommodations, or if you have any questions regarding 504.

I am currently creating a meeting calendar, so please be on the lookout for an email regarding specific dates for scheduling purposes.

Below you will find my contact information. I look forward to collaborating with you and our campus team to support your child and their education.

Sincerely, Mike McMahon WMS Section 504 Coordinator michael.mcmahon@rockwallisd.org 972-771-8313 Ext. 5067



Types of Section 504 Meetings

Annual: this meeting is held each year for students served through Section 504 to discuss the progress and needs of the student and also to discuss accommodations that may be needed based on disability/impairment.

<u>Initial:</u> this meeting is held when a student is initially referred to the Section 504 committee. The 504 committee will determine if the student qualifies to receive Section 504 services. The committee will then discuss student needs and consider if accommodations need to be put into place.

Re-evaluation: this meeting is held to determine if a student will continue to receive Section 504 services based on their qualifying disability.

Amendment: this meeting is held to make a change to the student's plan if an annual, initial, or re-evaluation has taken place.

Manifestation Determination Review:

This meeting is held to determine if a student's disability is related to their impairment when there is a possible discipline placement. Additional supports may be put into place

What is Section 504?

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) is a federal civil rights statute which provides that "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his/her disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of , or subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." 29 U.S.C.A. 794 (a)

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 requires that no qualified student who demonstrates a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or be subject to discrimination in any program or activity offered by Rockwall ISD. Rockwall ISD also has a responsibility to identify and evaluate those children who are believed to qualify as disabled under Section 504. In accordance with Section 504, Rockwall ISD does not discriminate against students with disabilities and has procedures in place to ensure students who are eligible for services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act have the opportunity to participate in educational and extracurricular activities afforded to nondisabled students.

Resources

<u>College Board</u>

https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/eligibility

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Texas Workforce:

https://twc.texas.gov/