

A Brief Guide to Your Child's RIGHTS to School Accommodations

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Why do we send our children to school?

To make friends, learn to love learning, learn to get along with others, and to begin their lives as a productive member of society. These are the things that we all expect from a public school education.

Why won't the school work with me?

When our children don't conform to school expectations -- including attendance, behavior, homework, participation -- schools respond with disciplinary practices. When the problems are caused by a health condition, discipline is not the answer.

Find out if
a 504 Plan or an IEP
is right for your child.

Call 847-977-9051 for a
free 20-minute consultation.

What are my child's educational rights?

1. Right to a Free and Appropriate Public Education in the Least Restrictive Environment
2. Right to Reasonable Accommodations to ensure full inclusion
3. Right to be free of discriminatory practices, including bullying

How to I change the school response?

The only legally binding way is to secure a 504 or IEP plan. Accommodations and learning support plans are required federally, and your child's personal 504/IEP plan documents the school's obligations to your child.

What about the stigma?

Stigma happens when you are discriminated against. The purpose of the 504 and IEP is to forbid the discriminatory response. The best way to defeat stigma is to establish effective 504/IEP plans that ensure your child's educational success.

Why might I need a lawyer's help?

Protecting your child's rights is a legal matter. The 504 and IEP establish your child's specific legal rights in an educational setting. As your attorney, I make sure that the federal requirements to protect your child's rights are understood and implemented by your local school.

Let's Get Your Thoughts Organized

Child's Name		
Age	Birthday	Grade in School
School Name		
School Address		
School Phone	Website	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Plan Established	<input type="checkbox"/> 504 in Place	<input type="checkbox"/> IEP in Place
Child's Strengths		
Child's Challenges (including health)		
What do you think the school could do differently to help your child succeed in school?		

Call 847-977-9051 to find out if a 504 or IEP plan could help your child.