

**Section 504/ADA Educational Opportunities**

**Code #342.80**

The Tri-County Area School District shall provide a free appropriate public education to each student within its jurisdiction without discrimination because of the student's disability. Reasonable accommodations shall be provided to allow students with disabilities to have an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) defines disability as "a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities." Major life activities includes, but is not limited to, caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, eating, sleeping, standing, lifting, bending, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, working and operation of major bodily functions.

The operation of major bodily functions is further defined as including, but not limited to, functions of the immune system, special sense organs and skin, normal cell growth, and digestive, genitourinary, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, hemic, lymphatic, musculoskeletal and reproductive functions. Determinations of whether a student has a disability is made without regard to the ameliorative effects of mitigating measures such as medication, prosthetics, mobility devices, or assistive technology.

It is the intent of the District to ensure that students with disabilities are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services and supports in accordance with the legal requirements of Section 504 and the ADA. The District will follow established procedures as outlined in the District's "Student Non-Discrimination" Handbook.

**Legal Reference:** Section 118.13, Wisconsin Statutes  
PI 9, Wisconsin Administrative Code  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended)  
Americans with Disabilities Act (as amended)

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