

**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE – Georgia Preparatory Academy
Appendix G**

**Notice of Parent Rights
Section 504**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 is a civil rights act which provides protection and constitutional rights of persons with disabilities. This statute prohibits organizations/agencies which receive federal funding from discriminating against persons solely on the basis of their disability. Section 504 is enforced by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights. Any parent, guardian/surrogate parent of a child who qualifies for services under Section 504 is entitled to be advised of the following rights:

1. The right to have their child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination due to his/her disability.
2. The right to give consent before initial assessments are conducted.
3. The right to receive notice with respect to identification, evaluation, or placement of their child.
4. The right to have the child evaluated in their native language or mode of communication.
5. The right to have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made considering a variety of information and made by persons knowledgeable about the child, the assessment instrument(s) and placement options.
6. The right to have the need for a reevaluation considered every three years for their child.
7. The right to be informed within 30 days of the evaluation results.
8. The right to receive notice of all placement meetings and to be present at all placement meetings.
9. The right to have the child receive services and be educated in facilities comparable to those provided to non disabled students.
10. The right to have your child's educational program reviewed and/or revised annually.
11. The right to request mediation or an impartial due process hearing related to decisions or actions regarding identification, evaluation, educational program, or placement.
12. The right to review your child's records.
13. The right to have copies of records.
14. The right to request amendments of any records if it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates privacy rights.
15. The right to be represented by counsel in any due process hearing.
16. The right to be informed of any free or low-cost legal services.
17. Right to appeal decision of the hearing.
18. The right to file a grievance with the center and/or department over alleged Section 504 violations.