

MODIFICATIONS OF POLICIES/PRACTICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. declares that it will provide reasonable modifications in the implementation of its policies and practices for students with identified disabilities when considered necessary for the student to benefit from his or her educational program.

Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. also declares that it will provide reasonable modifications in the implementation of its policies and practices for employees or members of the public with identified disabilities when considered necessary for the employee or member of the public to access a service or benefit otherwise available to that person.

Questions about this policy should be addressed to ADA/504 Compliance Coordinator, c/o Office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 578, Four Oaks Professional Park, 1332 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090 - Telephone 646-8331.

NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or physical or mental disability in admission to, access to, treatment in or employment in its programs and activities. Inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies should be forwarded to Affirmative Action Office, c/o Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 578, Four Oaks Professional Park, 1332 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090 - Telephone 646-8331.

Inquiries concerning the application of nondiscrimination policies may also be referred to the Regional Director, Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, S.W. McCormack POCH Room 222, Boston, MA 02109-4557.

This notice is available in large print and on audio tape from the ADA/504 Compliance Coordinator.

NOTICE PARENT/STUDENT RIGHTS (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

The following is a description of the rights as granted by the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) to students identified as disabled under that law. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in, and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability;
2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;
3. Receive notice from the school with respect to identification, evaluation, educational program or placement of your child or the filing of a due process hearing;

4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-handicapped students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations necessary for your child to benefit from his or her educational program.
5. Have your child educated in comparable facilities and receive comparable services to those provided non-disabled students;
6. Have your child receive special education and related services if your child is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;
7. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons familiar with the student, the evaluation data, and placement options;
8. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program, and placement;
9. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;
10. A response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanations and interpretations of your child's records;
11. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the schools district refuses this request for amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable amount of time, and advise you of the right to a hearing;
12. File a grievance through local grievance procedures, file a complaint with the federal Office for Civil Rights, or request an impartial hearing of decisions or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Questions about how to request a hearing may be forwarded to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 578, Four Oaks Professional Park, 1332 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090 - Telephone 646-8331;
13. Have the decisions made by hearing officers or others reviewed in state or federal court;
14. Information concerning low-cost or free legal counsel.

Information regarding district compliance with Section 504 may be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 578, Four Oaks Professional Park, 1332 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090 Telephone 646-8331.

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NOTICE OF PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

All programs or activities offered by the Wells-Ogunquit C.S.D. when viewed in their entirety shall be readily accessible to individuals with disabilities. Information relating to the existence and location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, P.O. Box 578, Four Oaks Professional Park, 1332 Post Road, Wells, ME 04090 - Telephone 646-8331.

Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication in programs and services are invited to make their needs and preferences known to the ADA/504 Compliance Coordinator.

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