

At a glance:



Section 504 in Maryland



Is my child eligible?

Children with chronic illnesses can receive educational accommodations under Section 504.

To receive educational accommodations under Section 504, your child must:

- » Have physical or mental limitations due to the chronic illness (e.g. walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning).
- » Have a record of the chronic illness and physical or mental limitations.



How often will my child be reevaluated?

Most children with medical conditions have **annual** reevaluations.



Where does my child receive educational accommodations?

Your child will most likely receive educational accommodations in the regular classroom.



How is Section 504 implemented at a local level?

Each school district creates and implements their own Section 504 policies.



Resources

MARYLAND COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE EDUCATION—Provides students suffering from chronic illnesses assistance on disability related issues.

410.859.5400
800.899.8837
mcie@mcie.org
www.mcie.org

MARYLAND DISABILITY LAW CENTER—Provides free legal services to Marylanders of any age with all types of disabilities including students unable to attend school due to a chronic illness.

410.727.6352
800.233.7201
feedback@disabilityrightsmd.org
www.disabilityrightsmd.org



Is there a specific person I should talk to?

Yes. Schools are required to designate a Section 504 case manager or representative.



Who can I contact if I have a problem?

You should first talk with the schools' Section 504 case manager or representative. If you are unable to resolve an issue through your child's school, you can file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights (OCR).

800.368.1019
ocrmail@hhs.gov
www.hhs.gov/ocr



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