

At a glance:



# Section 504 in New Jersey



## 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?

Schools conduct reevaluations for children with medical conditions **every 3 years.**



## 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

**STATEWIDE PARENT ADVOCACY NETWORK (SPAN)**—Provides advocacy and information to New Jersey families to improve education, health, and mental health outcomes for children.

973.642.8100

800.654.7726

span@spannj.org

www.spannj.org



## Is there a specific person I should talk to?

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

**EDUCATION LAW CENTER**—Promotes educational equity through coalition building, litigation support, policy development, communications, and action-focused research in New Jersey, in other states, and at the federal level.

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## 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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