

At a glance:



# Section 504 in Rhode Island



## 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

**RHODE ISLAND PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK**—Provides information, education, training, and support for parents and children.

401.270.0101  
800.464.3399  
info@ripin.org  
www.ripin.org

**RHODE ISLAND DISABILITY LAW CENTER**—Provides free legal assistance to persons with disabilities, such as individual representation to protect rights or to secure benefits and services.

401.831.3150  
800.733.5332  
info@ridlc.org  
www.ridlc.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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