

## **Crockett County Schools Section 504 Informational Notice:**

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, is a civil rights statute, which prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance. The statute defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

- *Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing speaking, breathing, learning, and working) or major bodily functions (such functions include immune system, normal cell growth, digestive, bowel, bladder, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory, endocrine, and reproductive functions);*
- *Has a record of such impairment;*
- *Is regarded as having such an impairment.*

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Crockett County School System recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs or activities in the Crockett County School System.

The Crockett County School System has specific responsibilities under Section 504, which include the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services.

If the parent/guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the Crockett County School System, s/he has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. FERPA gives parents/guardians the right to:

- *Inspect and review his/her child's educational records;*
- *Make copies of his/her child's educational records;*
- *Receives a list of all individual(s) having access to his/her child's educational records;*
- *Ask for an explanation of any item in the records;*
- *As for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and*
- *A hearing on the issues if the school refuses to make the amendment.*

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact:

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