

**INTERNATIONAL FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #361**

**BOARD POLICY 521
Student Disability Nondiscrimination**

Adopted ___ By Reference ___

Revised ___ February 2022 ___

[Note: School districts are required by statute to have a policy addressing these issues.]

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect students with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability and to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), need services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

- A. Students with disabilities who meet the criteria of Paragraph C. below are protected from discrimination on the basis of a disability.
- B. The responsibility of the school district is to identify and evaluate learners who, within the intent of Section 504, need special services, accommodations, or programs in order that such learners may receive a free appropriate public education.
- C. For this policy, a learner who is protected under Section 504 is one who:
 - 1. has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of such person's major life activities, or
 - 2. has a record of such impairment; or
 - 3. is regarded as having such an impairment.
- D. Learners may be protected from disability discrimination and be eligible for services, accommodations, or programs under the provisions of Section 504 even

though they are not eligible for special education pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

III. COORDINATOR

Persons who have questions or comments, should contact [the district's ADA/504 Coordinator\(s\)](#). Persons who wish to make a complaint regarding a disability discrimination matter may use the accompanying Student Disability Discrimination Grievance Report Form. The form should be given to the ADA/Section 504 coordinator. Contact information is as follows:

[Elementary Section 504 Officer](#)
Melissa Tate, Elementary Principal
1414 15th Avenue
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-2571 ext 1232
Alternate: Don Rolando

[Secondary Section 504 Officer](#)
Don Rolando, Dean of Students
1515 11th Street
International Falls, MN 56649
218-283-2571 ext 1126
Alternate: Melissa Tate

A grievance procedure for complaints of discrimination may be found in the District Office and on the District website at www.isd361.k12.mn.us under "School Board"; policies; Policy #401 Procedure.

Legal References: 42 U.S.C. Ch. 126 (Equal Opportunity for Individuals with Disabilities)
29 U.S.C. § 794 *et. seq.* (§ 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973)
34 C.F.R. Part 104 (Implementing Regulations)

Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 402 (Disability Nondiscrimination)