

504 FUN FACTS

Navigating the complexities of Section 504 can be challenging, but Idaho's Department of Education has made it easier for educators, parents, and students to access vital information with their comprehensive online resources. Whether you're new to Section 504 or looking to stay updated, the Idaho Section 504 webpage is your go-to destination.

504 PLAN

A 504 Plan is a plan created by schools to provide accommodation for students with disabilities, ensuring they have equal access to education. It is based on Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and is designed for students with physical or mental impairments that significantly limit one or more major life activities, including a wide range of conditions such as ADHD, learning disabilities, chronic health issues, mental health disorders, or physical impairments.

What to look for:

- **Presence of a Disability:** The student must have a physical or mental impairment, such as ADHD, learning disabilities, chronic health issues, or mental health disorders.
- **Substantial Limitation:** The impairment must significantly limit a major life activity like learning, walking, breathing, or concentrating.
- **Need for Accommodations:** The impairment requires accommodations, such as modified testing, extra time, or assistive technology, to ensure the student can participate in general education.

If the student qualifies, the school develops a 504 plan that outlines the necessary accommodations to support the student's success in the classroom.

How to Access Resources

Accessing these resources is simple. Visit the Idaho Section 504 webpage at <https://www.sde.idaho.gov/topics/504/>, where you'll find the new Section 504 Practice Guide, along with other valuable tools and information. This user-friendly site is designed to support your efforts in providing every student with a fair and appropriate education.

Stay Informed and Empowered

Staying informed about Section 504 is crucial in advocating for students' rights and ensuring their success in school. The Idaho Section 504 webpage is continually updated with the latest information, so make it a habit to check back regularly for new resources and updates.

Whether you're a parent, educator, or student, the Idaho Section 504 resources are there to empower you. Start exploring today and take the next step in ensuring that all students have the support they need to thrive.