You Have Legal Rights in Schools

**SECTION 504**
Provides access to education & activities for eligible students
- To be eligible, a student must have a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits a life activity.
- Parents have the right to ask to start the referral process.
- Parents and school team collaborate to make decision as to what the child needs.
- Accommodation examples are visual aids, small group testing, etc.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**
Parent and child rights in special education
- Parents have the right to ask for an evaluation if your student is not making progress academically, behaviorally, or with their speech/language.
- Eligibility is a team decision with parents and school team.
- Accommodations and goals are determined as a team a reviewed annually.

**GIFTED AND TALENTED**
Appropriate programming
- Schools gather information using appropriate tests and a body of evidence to identify intellectual ability.
- Parents may inquire about acceleration or early access.

**EQUITY, DIVERSITY, INCLUSION**
- Schools will create inclusive spaces where every student feels a sense of belonging.
- Students will have equitable access and opportunity across race, class, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ability, and language.

**SCHOOL SAFETY & DISCIPLINE**
Supervision of students on school grounds
- We will maintain a safe and supportive school environment.
- We will investigate reports or evidence of misbehavior.
- Civil rights laws, Title IX, protect students from bullying.

We are always looking ways to communicate better with parents around your educational rights.

For more information on any of these issues, please attend an Accountability Meeting or reach out directly to the school at 303-982-7860.