

Cooperative School Services

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Transfer of Rights

(For Students 18 and Older)

Yes, you have rights! At age 18;

- The right your parents had to sign school papers on your behalf now transfers to YOU. (Federal statute 300.347 ©)
- You may now discuss and help write your own Individualized Transition Plan (ITP) and Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- You may register and vote in the next state or local election.
- You have the responsibility to register for Selective Service (if you are male) no matter what your disability.

What are your Legal Rights?

As a student who has qualified for academic supports through special education classes and teachers, you now have legal rights guaranteed under five (5) federal laws and supported by state statute entitled Article 7.

Individual with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.)

Under this law, the Individualized Transition Plan (ITP) you helped to write gives you a coordinated set of activities designed to work toward post-school activities after graduation.

These activities can include:

- Post-Secondary Education
- Vocational Training
- Real Employment
- Adult Services
- Independent Living
- Community Activities

When considering the post-school activities that would be best for you, ask yourself:

- What are my preferences and interests?
- What supports do I need to do the things I prefer and am interested in doing?
- What do I need in the way of:
 - instruction,
 - the development of employment & other post-school adult living goals, &
 - daily living skills or perhaps a functional vocational evaluation if needed?
 - community experiences,

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 - This Federal Law Provides:

- Basic grant (\$) to states to assist individuals with disabilities to become gainfully employed.
- Funds (\$) for Independent Living Programs
- Research and/or Training
- Rehabilitation Technology
- Home Assistance
- Projects with Industry

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

- You may participate in any program or activity offered by a federally funded institution or agency. A federally funded institution or agency may include state and local government agencies plus job training programs, schools and universities, transportation systems, recreation programs and housing programs.
- Schools must make accommodations and adaptations that meet the needs of an individual with a disability.
- Schools need to have a person named to provide this information and to coordinate necessary services and accommodations for you or any individual with a disability.

Rehabilitation Act Amendment so 1992

- You have the right to seek employment.
- If you believe you could prepare for, enter, hold, and keep gainful employment if you had some type of support services, you may qualify for these support supports through vocational schools. Any support services provided through Vocational Rehabilitation must have an employment as the outcome.

Americans with Disabilities Act (A.D.A.)

The A.D.A. (Public Law 101-336) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. Its purpose is to extend to people with disabilities civil rights similar to those now available on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex & religion through the Civil Rights act of 1964.

It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in:

- Employment
- Places of public accommodation
- Transportation
- Telecommunication services & state & local government.

Yes, you have Rights! NO individual may be refused or denied participation in, or the benefits of, a program or activity just because that individual has a disability.