PARENTS/STUDENTS RIGHTS IN IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION AND PLACEMENT (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973)

The following is a description of the rights granted by federal law to students with disabilities. The intent of the law is to keep you fully informed concerning decisions about your child and to inform you of your rights if you disagree with any of these decisions. Please keep this explanation for future reference.

You have the right to:

1. Have your child take part in and receive benefits from public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disabling condition;

2. Have the school district advise you of your rights under federal law;

3. Receive notice with respect to identification, evaluations or placement of your child;

4. Have your child receive a free appropriate public education. This includes the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. It also includes the right to have the school district make reasonable accommodations to allow your child an equal opportunity to participate in school and school-related activities.

5. Have your child educated in facilities and receive services comparable to those provided non-disabled students;

6. Have your child receive special education and related services if she/he is found to be eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (I.D.E.A.);

7. Have evaluation, educational, and placement decisions made based upon a variety of information sources, and by persons who know the student, the evaluation data, and placement options;

8. Have transportation provided to and from an alternate placement setting at no greater cost to you than would be incurred if the student were placed in a program operated by the district;

9. Have your child be given an equal opportunity to participate in non-academic and extracurricular activities offered by the district;

10. Examine all relevant records relating to decisions regarding your child's identification, evaluation educational programs, and placement;

11. Obtain copies of educational records at a reasonable cost unless the fee would effectively deny you access to the records;

12. Receive a response from the school district to reasonable requests for explanation and interpretation of your child's records;

13. Request amendment of your child's educational records if there is reasonable cause to believe that they are inaccurate, misleading or otherwise in violation of the privacy rights of your child. If the school district refuses this request for the amendment, it shall notify you within a reasonable time, and advise you of the right to a hearing;

14. Request an impartial due process hearing through the district's grievance procedure related to decision or actions regarding your child's identification, evaluation, educational program or placement. You and the student may take part in the hearing and have an attorney represent you. Hearing requests must be made to the district ADA/Section 504 coordinator listed below.

The person in this district who is responsible for assuring that the district complies with Section 504 is the school district's ADA and Section 504 Coordinator, Doug Conwell, 17 Wood St., Council Grove, Kansas 66846. Phone # 620-767-5192.