

ACGC Nondiscrimination Statement

It is the policy of the Atwater Cosmos Grove City Public School to provide a free and appropriate public education to all students within its jurisdiction, regardless of the type of handicap or its severity. District 2396 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, or disability.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination against persons with disabilities in any program receiving federal financial assistance. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. Has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities, which include caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working.
2. Has a record of such impairment; or
3. Is regarded as having such an impairment. {34CFR 104.3(j)}

In order to fulfill obligations under Section 504, the school district is responsible for nondiscrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and learners. No discrimination against any person with a disability shall knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices of the school system.

The school district has responsibilities under Section 504, which include the obligation to identify, evaluate, and if the learner is determined to be eligible under Section 504, afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the school district, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) also specifies rights related to educational records. This Act gives the parent or guardian the right to 1) inspect and review his/her child's records; 2) make copies of these records; 3) receive a list of individuals having access to those records; 4) ask for an explanation of any item in the records; 5) ask for an amendment to any report on the grounds that it is inaccurate, misleading, or violates the child's rights; and 6) a hearing on the issue if the school refuses to make the amendment.

If there are question, please feel free to contact the Section 504 Coordinator in your child's building, Robin Wall.

ACGC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Robin Wall – Section 504 Coordinator; Title IX Coordinator (320-244-4677)

Kodi Goracke – Alternate 504 Coordinator; Alternate Title IX Coordinator (320-244-4686)