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## SECTION 504 POLICY STATEMENT

No pupil shall be discriminated against because of age, color, disability, parental status, marital status, race, national origin, religion, sex, or veteran status. Parents who have a temporary or permanent disability may request the district to provide appropriate accommodations necessary for them to participate in essential instructional activities of their students. Students who are at least eighteen (18) years of age may submit their own requests.

It is the policy of the Jones County Board of Education to provide a free appropriate public education to each qualified student with a disability within its jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability. It is the intent of the district to ensure that students who are disabled within the definition of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are identified, evaluated, and provided with appropriate educational services. Students may be disabled under this policy even though they do not require services pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Under Section 504, due process rights of qualified students with disabilities and their parents are guaranteed in the Jones County Board of Education. Dr. Lauren Sheffield is the District Coordinator of Section 504 for Jones County Schools. She may be contacted at the Jones County Board of Education Office, 125 Stewart Avenue, Gray, Georgia , 478-9886-3020 ext 245, [lsheffield@jones.k12.ga.us](mailto:lsheffield@jones.k12.ga.us) . Principals or their designees are the school Section 504 team chairpersons and may be contacted at their respective buildings.