

Board Policy

Students with Disabilities

The Board recognizes the existence of individual differences in the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of children. In recognizing these differences, the Board supports a system of services offered to our participating districts for students with disabilities.

Program Accessibility

The Board affirms its compliance with those sections of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 dealing with program accessibility.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in federally assisted programs or activities solely on the basis of disability. The Board shall make its programs and facilities accessible to all Eastern Suffolk BOCES students with disabilities.

All students with disabilities shall be provided with full access and opportunity to participate in ESBOCES programs and extracurricular activities, which are available to all other students enrolled in ESBOCES. Parents/guardians of students with disabilities shall receive timely notice of such programs and activities.

Compliance Officers

The ESBOCES Civil Rights Compliance Officers, who are appointed by the Board at the Organizational Meeting, are responsible for coordinating activities relating to compliance with §504 and for providing information, including complaint procedures, to any person who feels his or her rights under §504 have been violated by ESBOCES or its officials.

References:

- 20 United States Code (USC) §1400-§1485, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- 29 United States Code (USC) §794 et seq., §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
- 8 NY Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) §100.5, §100.9, §200.2(b)(1) and (b)(3), §200.2(c)(2)(v), and §200.6(a)(1) and (a)(3)
- [NYS Education Law §4401-§4407](#)
- [Board Policy 1440 - Non-Discrimination](#)
- [Board Policy 6130 - Equal Educational Opportunity \(Students\)](#)
- [Administrative Regulation 6570R.1 – Complaints and Grievances by Students](#)