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Subject: Program Accessibility for Disabled Students

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504), the Williamson Central School District prohibits all forms of discrimination against qualified students with disabilities.

A child is a “qualified disabled person” under Section 504 if he or she:

- (1) has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working), has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment; and
- (2) is between the ages of 3 to 21 years old.

A student may be disabled within the meaning of Section 504 even though not eligible for special education under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA). This policy extends to all aspects of the District’s educational program, as well as the use of District facilities and participation in all district activities, including athletics.

The District shall provide a free appropriate public education (regular or special education and related aids and services) to school-aged children with disabilities in the District’s jurisdiction. Instruction shall be individually designed to meet the needs of the disabled students as adequately as the needs of the non-disabled students are met. The District shall educate disabled students with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of disabled students. The District shall ensure that disabled students participate with non-disabled students in non-academic and extra-curricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the needs of the disabled student in question.

The Pupil Personnel Services Team in each building will act as the Section 504 Team. Building principals will be charged with the responsibility for coordinating the implementation of the Section 504 Team’s recommendations for students deemed to have a disability but not otherwise qualified for special education services.

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Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
 Education Law, § 4401 et seq. (Article 89)
 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 200

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