It is the responsibility of the District to identify and evaluate students who, within the intent of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, need special services or programs in order that such students may receive the required free appropriate education.

For this policy, a student who may need special services or programs within the intent of Section 504 is one who:

- Has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one (1) or more major life activities, including learning; or
- Has a record of such impairment; or
- Is regarded as having such impairment.

Students may be eligible for services under the provisions of Section 504 even though they do not require services, pursuant to the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA). Students who are identified as individuals with exceptional needs, according to IDEA criteria, are not addressed under this policy. The needs of such students are provided for under Policy IHB and its regulations and under state and federal laws and regulations.

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JK – Student Discipline
IHB – Exceptional Education Programs