

MARQUETTE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Marquette Area Public Schools would like to take this opportunity to notify you that all students enrolled at the Marquette Area Public Schools are afforded protections under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Section 504 is a federal law designed to protect the rights of individuals with disabilities in programs and activities that receive Federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education (ED). Section 504 provides: "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States . . . shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance" Currently, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act only applies to programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance. Because many State and local government operations, such as courts, licensing, and legislative facilities and proceedings do not receive Federal funds, they are beyond the reach of section 504.

Title II is intended to protect qualified individuals with disabilities from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It additionally extends the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of disability established by section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, to all activities of State and local governments, including those that do not receive Federal financial assistance. Title II is intended to apply to all programs, activities, and services provided or operated by State and local governments.

Marquette Area Public Schools is subject to the requirements of both Section 504 and Title II and their implementing regulations. Students enrolled at any district school are entitled to civil rights and protections under these statutes and their implementing regulations including the right, if a student is determined to be a student with a disability, to receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE) under Section 504.

Copies of the District's Section 504 policies and procedures may be obtained from the district website at www.MAPSNET.org or by contacting the District offices at (906) 225-4400.

Mission Statement

The staff of the Marquette Area Public Schools believes that ALL students can learn and achieve mastery of basic skills. We accept responsibility, in collaboration with the home and community, to teach ALL students so that they can attain their maximum educational potential and become responsible members of society.

The Marquette Area Public School District is an equal opportunity employer