

Section 504 Annual Notice

In accordance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly known as “Section 504,” the Franklin Towne Charter Elementary School hereby notifies disabled children and their parents of the charter school’s duty under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Section 504 is a non-discrimination statute barring discrimination on the basis of disability. It is the policy of FTCES not to discriminate on the basis of disability in its educational programs, activities, or employment practices as required by Section 504.

FTCES shall provide to each protected handicapped student with a disability without discrimination or cost to the student or family, those related aids, services or accommodations which are needed to provide equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student’s abilities. In order to qualify as a protected handicapped student, the child must be of school age with a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits/could limit or prohibits/could prohibit participation in or access to a major life activity.

FTCES shall conduct pre-placement evaluations and shall establish standards and procedures consistent with Section 504 and its implementing regulations for the evaluation and placement of children who need or are believed to be protected handicapped students.

These services and protections for “protected handicapped students” are distinct from those applicable to all eligible or exceptional students enrolled in special education programs.

For further information on the evaluation procedures and provision of services to protect students with disabilities, please contact Theresa Goodchild, Director of Special Education via email at tgoodchild@franklintowne.org or via telephone at 215-289-3389.