

504 ACCOM- MODATION



What is a 504 Accommodation?

Section 504 ensures that students with disabilities have equal access to education. Qualified students may receive accommodations and modifications. When a student has a 504, specifically related to mental illness, their accommodations can be things like extra time on assignments or tests. Ultimately, the accommodations granted by a 504 are decided by the school's 504 committee.

What qualifies someone for a 504?

Any physical or mental impairment, emotional or mental illness, or specific learning disability. These are broad examples, but there is no exclusive list of specific conditions a student must have to qualify. Depression and anxiety are two common qualifiers for 504 Accommodations.

How do I apply for a 504?

1. A parent/guardian, teacher, or counselor can submit a 504 referral on your behalf. Your parent/guardian will then receive an "Invitation to Meeting" to discuss your referral. After that MHS' 504 Committee will decide on your eligibility. If you are deemed eligible, your guardian(s), counselors, and other school officials will work together to create a plan for you.
2. Additional information may be requested from you, i.e. referrals from psychologists, medical records, etc.

- ★ There is no shame in asking for help!
- ★ 18% of students at MHS have some disability. That is almost 1 in 5.
- ★ School staff is here to help you.