



## Section 504 Child Find



**What is Section 504 Child Find?** A process of identifying, locating and referring every qualified disabled student residing within the Birmingham City School District (BCS) *including private and homeschooling* who may be eligible for Section 504 services.

**What is Section 504?** The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, commonly referred to as "Section 504," is a civil rights statute that prohibits discrimination/harassment on the basis of a disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

**What is Section 504 Purpose?** Section 504 regulations require a school district to provide a *"free appropriate public education"* (FAPE) to each *qualified* student with a disability who is in the school's district's jurisdiction, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability.

**What is the criteria for Section 504?** Students with a *physical* or *mental impairment* that *substantially limit* a *major life activity* must be identified for individual inquiry. A referral is required to initiate the Section 504 process.

Information regarding Section 504, **first** contact the Section 504 Liaison at your local school. For additional information, contact the BCS Section 504 Coordinator at 205.231.9673