



SAHUARITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID Guidance for Section 504 During a Brick and Mortar School Closure (currently until 8/17/2020)

Under the USDOE (US Department of Education) OCR (Office of Civil Rights) and OSEP (Office of Special Education Programs) guidance, District/Schools must continue to provide supports under Section 504 if the District/School is providing educational opportunities to general education students. This includes the provision of accommodations and other supports in available enrichment activities, online instruction, et cetera. As SUSD begins online instruction (and/or in the instance that classwork is sent home for students), every effort will be made to provide appropriate instructional programming for all students, which includes accommodations as per the student's current 504 Plan.

For 504 Plans that are due to be reviewed and updated during the school closure, a meeting will be scheduled. 504 meetings will be scheduled thru a telephone call and/or using Google Meets/other digital video conferencing platform. Meeting discussions may include: updating medical diagnosis/es, reviewing current accommodations, updating accommodations needed to continue to effectively support the student. Generally speaking, accommodations will be written as though the student is attending school (not for school closure/s). The document will be updated with all relevant team determinations and included in the district student information system (SIS). Parents and teachers will be provided access to the updated copy of accommodations thru mail/email/the district Student Information System (SIS).

What if the student has enrolled in the Sahuarita Digital Pathways Academy because of safety concerns (even after the school closure ends and schools are open for brick and mortar attendance)?

The 504 team should meet to consider any necessary accommodations directly related to meaningful access of remote instruction. The 504 Plan may need to be updated accordingly.

More information and updates will be provided as they are available.

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