

NOTICE OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

(Utah Code, §53A-15-1401, et seq.)

Parental Rights to Academic Accommodations

- A student's parent/guardian is the primary person responsible for the education of the student, and the state is in a secondary and supportive role to the parent/guardian. As such, a student's parent/guardian has the right to reasonable academic accommodations from Nebo School District.
- Each accommodation shall be considered on an individual basis and no student shall be considered to a greater or lesser degree than any other student.
- The parental rights specified in this section do not include all the rights or accommodations that may be available to a student's parent or guardian as a user of the public education system.
- An accommodation under this section may only be provided if the accommodation is consistent with federal law and with a student's Individualized Education Program (IEP) if the student already has an IEP.

Nebo School District shall "reasonably accommodate" a student's parent/guardian regarding the following:

- A written request to retain the student in kindergarten through grade 8 on grade level based on the student's academic ability or the student's social, emotional, or physical maturity.
- The initial selection of a teacher or request for a change of teacher.
- A request to visit and observe any class the student attends.
- A written request, submitted at least one school day before the scheduled absence, to excuse the student from attendance for a family event or visit to a health care provider. (However, excused absences do not excuse a student from completing make-up course work, and students with excused absences may not be eligible for attendance-related incentives offered by the school).
- A written request to place the student in a specialized class, a specialized program, or an advanced course. (Multiple academic data points will be considered).
- In accordance with Utah State Board of Education requirements, allowing the student to earn course credit towards high school graduation without completing a course by: (a) testing out of the course; or (b) demonstrating competency in course standards.
- A request to meet with a teacher at a mutually agreeable time if the parent/guardian is unable to attend the regularly scheduled parent/teacher conference.
- A written request to excuse the student from taking an assessment that is federally mandated, is mandated by the state, or requires the use of a state assessment system or software that is provided or paid for by the state.

What does it mean to "reasonably accommodate"?

- The law defines the term "reasonably accommodate" in Utah Code, §53A-15-1401(4).
- Nebo School District will make a good faith effort to accommodate parents/guardians in the exercise of their parental rights. However, the school may deny the request for accommodation if it is not reasonable after taking into consideration the impact it has on the following:
 - School staff and resources.
 - Employee working conditions.
 - Safety and supervision on school premises and for school activities.
 - Efficient allocation of expenditures.
 - Educational needs of students.
 - Academic and behavioral impacts to the classroom.
 - Teacher's workload.
 - Assurance of the safe and efficient operation of the school.