

Administrative Memo

Date: October 29, 2014
To: Administrators, Teachers, and Education Stakeholders
From: Sharon Helwig, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner
Subject: CCR-14-015 – U.S. Department of Education Announces Guidance on Bullying of Students with Disabilities

The U.S. Education Department’s Office for Civil Rights (OCR) has issued [guidance to schools](#) reminding them that bullying must not be tolerated – including against students with disabilities. Protections for students with disabilities who are bullied extend to the roughly 750,000 students who are entitled to services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. That law bars discrimination on the basis of disability in all programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance.

- [Dear Colleague Letter](#)
- [Parent Fact Sheet \(Spanish version\)](#)
- www.stopbullying.gov
- Contact [OCR](#) at 800-421-3481 (TDD: 800-877-8339)
- [Fill out a complaint form online](#)

Questions regarding this guidance, as well as other issues relating to civil rights in Missouri schools can be directed to the [U.S. Office for Civil Rights](#).