

## **Revisions to existing Policy & Procedure 8.1.1: Academic Accommodations**

These proposed revisions would:

- Clarify process per regulations
- Align with the District processes
- Ensure expertise is applied correctly
- Updates title of 2.7

**QUESTIONS?**

We are obligated to provide accommodations to eligible students with disabilities per ADA, Rehab Act and Title 5. DRD is charged with assisting the District with this responsibility.

*Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (73) requires colleges and universities to make modifications to their academic requirements that are necessary to ensure that such requirements do not discriminate, or have the effect of discriminating on the basis of disability against qualified individuals with disabilities. Modifications may include changes in the length of time permitted for the completion of degree requirements, substitution of specific required courses, and adaptation of the manner in which courses are conducted. However, academic requirements that recipient colleges and universities can demonstrate are essential to the program of instruction being pursued or to any directly related licensing requirement will not be regarded as discriminatory.*

Refusing an accommodation due to “past or traditional practices” that are not essential to a program is regarded as discriminatory.