



High School vs. College

High School	College
Federal Law: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)	Federal Law: Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
Education is a right and must be provided in an appropriate environment to ALL individuals - IDEA strives for success.	Education is not a right. Students must meet certain admission criteria and be "otherwise qualified" - ADA strives for access.
School district is responsible to identify student's disability and provide free testing and evaluation.	Student must self-identify to Disability Services and provide documentation and pay for evaluation if needed.
School based team determines services and school or school district must ensure that services are provided under IEP. Teachers are contacted by special education staff and primary responsibility of arranging accommodations belongs to the school.	Student requests services from Disability Services and works with DS staff to create accommodation plan. Student must send accommodation plan to professors and request testing or additional accommodations when needed. Primary responsibility for arranging accommodations belongs to the student.

High School

Modifications to curriculum and assignments may be required by IEP.

IEP or 504 may include testing modifications to test format and or grading.

Personal services for medical or physical disability are provided by school or school district.

Parent has access to student records and can participate in accommodation process. Parent can advocate for student.

College

Professors or instructors are not required to modify or fundamentally alter the requirements of course or program.

Grading or test format changes are generally not available. Accommodations to **how** the tests are given (extra time, separate location) are available when supported by documentation.

Personal services are not required to be provided and it is the students responsibility to provide these services if needed (personal care attendants, specialized tutoring).

Parent does not have access to student records without student's written consent. Student must advocate for self and make all necessary appointments.