

differences between high school and college for students with disabilities

High School

1. Accommodations are provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEIA) of 2004 or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
2. The school district is responsible for identifying high school students for disability services.
3. High schools are responsible for evaluating students at no cost to the students or their families to determine their eligibility for services.
4. The mission or focus of IDEIA of 2004 is to provide K-12 students with "success."
5. High schools do provide personal aides.
6. High schools are required to provide special education services under IDEIA.
7. High school staff can freely discuss the student with parents or guardians.

Note: The college does not offer special education classes.

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College

1. Accommodations are provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA).
2. In college, students must self identify, request services and provide adequate documentation of their disability from a qualified professional.
3. If needed, students must pay for the cost of an evaluation to determine their disability. Some payment sources students have used include: medical insurance; employment assistance program (EAP); or the remainder of their financial aid funds (after college tuition/fees are paid) – also known as financial aid refund.
4. The mission or focus of ADA, ADAAA and Section 504 is to provide students with "equal access."
5. Postsecondary institutions do not provide personal aides.
6. Postsecondary institutions are not legally required to provide special programs with comprehensive support services.
7. Staff cannot discuss the student with parents or guardians without the student's written permission.
8. Postsecondary institutions are responsible for providing reasonable accommodations and/or essential auxiliary aids to qualified individuals with disabilities.