

High School vs. College

High School (IDEA ACT, 504, IEP)	College
Education must be provided in an appropriate environment to all individuals.	Students must meet certain admissions criteria defined under ADA as "otherwise qualified."
School district responsible for identifying and evaluating disability at no cost to student or family.	Student must self-identify and provide documentation of disability.
School provides evaluation	Student must pay cost of evaluation
Class materials provided	Must purchase all class materials
Parents/Teachers arrange all accommodations	You must request accommodations that you need
Parents advocate	You must advocate for yourself. College Faculty/Staff cannot speak with your parents due to FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974)
Parents/School structures your time	You must manage your own time.
Modified tests and assignments are often substituted.	A postsecondary institution is not required to lower or substantially modify essential requirements of programs and services. Grades are based on performance on same tests, projects, and assignments as your classmates.
Assignments are structured with complete directions and students are prompted by teachers	You must read your syllabus to determine what is important and required. You must plan your time.
Extended time to complete assignments	Assignments cannot be extended
Someone is available to help plan study time and provide encouragement.	Students are responsible for setting and following through with all scheduling and study time.
Study guides provided	You need to make your own study guides and aids, if not provided to all students by the Instructor
Teachers provide additional support	Must seek out additional support (tutoring, etc.)
High Schools are responsible to provide personal services such as transportation or personal assistants	Student is responsible for providing their own personal services
Students are placed in self-contained classes according to the need shown in the IEP.	Special Education classes are not available. Accommodations are available that the student can utilize.

For more information or to schedule an intake appointment, contact:

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