

Transition Guide for Students with Disabilities – From High School to College Differences between Secondary Education and Higher Education

EDUCATION LEVEL	K – 12 (School years between Kdg. and 12 th grade)		Higher Education College Education
PERTAINING LAWS	IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997)	Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973)	Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act of 1973) ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990)
Student Success	Student success is more of a right	Student success is not guaranteed	Student success is not guaranteed Student is responsible for their own success
Who is responsible for identifying and documenting the student's disability?	The district identifies the student's disability	The parent, guardian and/or agency representative provides documentation of the student's disability	The student provides appropriate documentation of their disability and specifies need for accommodation(s) The disability verification must be current and any accommodations will be based on the student's *educational limitations*
Who is financially responsible for evaluating the disability?	Free evaluation of the student's disability	The parent is responsible for the evaluation of the student's disability	It is the student's financial responsibility to take care of the evaluation of the disability
Who identifies the student's educational needs?	The district develops an IEP (Individual Education Plan) for the student	The parent and the school work together to develop a plan for the student	The student identifies their own accommodation needs



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Who ensures that educational goals are met?	The district ensures that the IEP is implemented and the goals are met	The district/school/parent are responsible for implementation of the educational plan and ensuring that goals are met	The student is responsible for their own goals and progress
Who advocates for the student's needs?	The teacher, guardian, or agency representative is the advocate	The parent, guardian, agency representative, and/or the student, advocate	The student advocates for themselves
What allowances are made in student accommodation?	Fundamental alterations are allowed to the: 1. Program of study 2. Graduation Requirements 3. Instructional Methods	Fundamental alterations to the program of study are permitted, as identified on the 504 plan	Accommodations may NOT alter the fundamental nature of degree applicable courses, degree requirements, or instructional methods. Accommodations may NOT impose an undue burden on an institution
Are personal services provided?	Personal services, such as: off campus transportation personal attendant, nurse, are provided for students	Personal services are the student's responsibility. None are provided	Personal services are the student's responsibility. None are provided
Is there transportation to school?	Depending on Handicapping Condition	No	No