



Disability Support Services Quarterly Newsletter

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Labor Day: September 6th

Columbus Day: October 11th

For this edition of the DSS Quarterly Newsletter, DSS explains the difference between high school and college accommodations! College is a different story — starting with the fact that there are no IEPs or special education in college .

Due to COVID-19, the DSS department is currently closed to walk-in visitors. Our DSS staff is available to service our students, faculty, and staff during business hours. To schedule a virtual appointment or for assistance with accommodations, please contact one of the following DSS Coordinators:

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DSS Mission Statement

DSS is committed to assisting the college so that individuals with disabilities are assured an equal opportunity to participate in, contribute to, and benefit from all college programs, services, and activities. DSS supports individuals with disabilities by coordinating reasonable accommodations and services. We are committed to providing equal access to higher education for academically qualified individuals with disabilities.

Quote of the Quarter

*"You are never too old to set another goal
or dream a new dream."*

~Les Brown~

and how they differ from high school.

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Students should check with the disability services office. Colleges also have a requirement for how recent the evidence must be. When it comes to documentation, students should check with the disability services office.

Students may bring a list of formulas into a statistics test, for instance (unless instructor approved). That would be a modification. Giving extra time for the test is an example of an accommodation.

5. Different colleges offer different levels of support. Accommodations aren't the same as modifications. All colleges that get federal funds must ensure equal access to students with disabilities. That means they have to provide reasonable accommodations. A student wouldn't be allowed to bring a list of formulas into a statistics test, for instance (unless instructor approved). That would be a modification. Giving extra time for the test is an example of an accommodation.

Here are some other typical accommodations in college :

- Having a note-taker for class lectures.
- Audio recordings of lectures.
- Using a laptop computer in the classroom
- Taking exams in a distraction-reduced room

6. Parents are no longer automatically in the loop. When the student was in high school, parents were legally entitled to be part of the process. That's not true for students in college. The law protects the student's privacy. So if parent's want to talk to the disability services officer or anyone else involved with the student's accommodations, he/she will need permission from the student.

7. Colleges don't provide evaluations for disabilities. After high school, students have to go for a private evaluation if they want updated test results, or if they suspect they may have an undiagnosed disability.

Please visit the DSS website for detailed information on services: www.ctcd.edu/disability-support