

Finally, understand that your school must provide educational accommodations at no cost to you. But they **do not** have to provide or pay for:

- * personal devices;
- * accommodations for personal use;
- * accommodations which fundamentally alter a school program or cost too much money or need too many people to make it work.

This means that schools will **not** pay for personal care attendants; they will **not** pay for you to have an accommodation at home to do your homework; and they **do not** have to provide an accommodation if it is too expensive.

Student Responsibilities

Check off each responsibility when completed.

___ 1. Notify the school.

If you will need any accommodations, register with the office for Disability Services.

___ 2. Provide Current Documentation.

A student's responsibility to provide professional documentation of his or her disability. The Disability Services office will be able to tell you what types of documentation are required. Documentation **MUST** be within the last three years.

___ 3. Request Accommodations.

Determine your classes' requirements and possible needed accommodations. Request accommodations as far in advance as possible.

___ 4. Meet Academic and Conduct Standards.

You get no special treatment because you have a disability. You must still meet the essential requirements of a class or program.



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Rights and Responsibilities of Students With Disabilities

A short guide to knowing and understanding the law and what it means to you.



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Student Rights

In college **you** are responsible to make sure that your needs are met. Two federal civic rights laws can assist you in reaching your school goals. These laws are called the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. These laws provide students with these rights:

- * The right to equal access to post-secondary education;
- * The right to non-discrimination;
- * The right to participate in, and enjoy the benefits of your school;
- * The right to an accessible education;
- * The right to an appropriate accommodation;
- * The right to have information about your disability kept private.

What rights do you have that are not currently being met?

Understanding the laws can assist you in achieving success as a student. Many web sites on the internet can help you learn more about how these laws relate to you. One site that answers many of the questions you may have is located at:
www.pacer.org/pride/504.htm

In addition, the state you live in may have laws, often called “human rights laws,” which prohibit discrimination and require equal access for people with disabilities.

Please realize that the laws do not require a school to lower its academic standards.

Schools **will not**:

- * Give you easier work; or
- * Change the rules to make it easier for you than other students.

You must continually meet relevant academic and conduct standards to receive protection of the law.

Accommodations

The law states that some students with disabilities have a right to academic accommodations.

Accommodations are changes in how this are normally done which provide you with an equal opportunity to participate in and enjoy the benefits of your education.

Accommodations include:

- * Changes to a classroom environment or task;
- * Removal of architectural barriers;
- * Modifications to policies, practices or procedures; and
- * Provision of appropriate auxiliary aids and services.

(Please see *Accommodations for Students with Disabilities* brochure for more details.)

What accommodations would be helpful to you in the classroom:

Disclosure

If you think you will need any accommodations because of you disability, you must tell your school. You will not receive accommodations or assistance unless you tell the Disability Services of you disability. You may also have to provide documentation on your disability.

It is **your** responsibility to tell the school that you will need an accommodation. Each school has its own documentation requirements necessary to arrange an accommodation. Most schools require that your provide recent, professional documentation from a doctor or other licensed professional. Simply put, you ay have to prove you have a disability.

What paperwork does your school require to prove your disability?

Where can you get copies of this documentation?

Accommodations must be appropriate and effective for your situation. An effective accommodation will address your specific limitations caused by your disability.