

Differences between High School and Post-Secondary

Important Note

Students must be "otherwise qualified". Someone is considered to be "otherwise qualified" if, with or without reasonable accommodation, they meet the same standards -- academic, professional, technical, and behavioral standards -- as do others. It means meeting established criteria (e.g. admissions, course expectations, graduation, code of conduct).

HIGH SCHOOL:	POST-SECONDARY (COLLEGE):
LAWS	
Services provided under IDEA or Section 504	Services provided under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and The Americans with Disabilities Act
RESPONSIBILITY	
<p>School district responsible for identifying, evaluating, and planning educational interventions.</p> <p>Involve parents or guardians.</p> <p>Provide non-academic services.</p> <p>Modify educational programs or requirements.</p> <p>Prepare IEPs, 504 Plans.</p>	<p>Students are responsible for self-identification, providing documentation, and obtaining disability services.</p> <p>Deal directly with student (18+ yrs.old); protect student's right to privacy (FERPA).</p> <p>Provide access to any service, program, or activity sponsored by the institution.</p> <p>Provide accommodations in order to meet established standards/requirements.</p> <p>Provide reasonable accommodations based on documentation upon student request.</p>
INTENT	
<p>Legal mandate</p> <p>Foster success</p> <p>IDEA is to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment to eligible students with disabilities, including special education and related services. 504/ADA are to ensure that no otherwise qualified person with a disability is denied access to, benefits of, or is subjected to discrimination in any program or activity provided by any public institution or entity.</p> <p>All infants, children and youth requiring special education services until age 21 or graduation from high school are covered. A list of disabilities is provided in IDEA, and includes specific learning disabilities.</p>	<p>Civil rights, non-discrimination</p> <p>Equal access</p> <p>504/ADA ensure that no otherwise qualified person with a disability will be denied access to, the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by any public institution or entity.</p> <p>All qualified persons with disabilities who meet the entry criteria, or particular program criteria of the college and who can document the existence of a disability as defined by the ADA, are covered. Disability is defined as "Any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; having a record of such an impairment; or being regarded as having an impairment."</p>