

AT & Accommodations in Post-Secondary Education: Supporting Successful Transition

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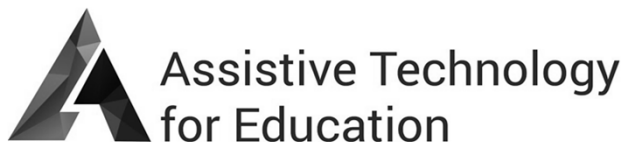
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Laws & Accommodations

K-12

VS

Higher Ed & Workplace

IEP, IDEA (**Success**)

IEP teams to consider the assistive technology needs of all children with disabilities.

The law requires schools to use assistive technology devices and services "to maximize accessibility for children with disabilities." (20 U.S.C. 1400(c)(5)(H))

See more at:

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/atech.index.htm#sthas.h.Ob3nnykM.dpuf>

Section 504 (Rehabilitation Act) and ADA (Title II) (**Access**)

Documentation of Disability Required (IEP is used as a reference for history of accommodations provided)

See more at:

<http://www.ldonline.org/article/6126/>

<https://disabilities.uchicago.edu/idea-ada-and-section-504>

Link to Handout:

<http://bit.ly/TransitionME>

Where/When to Start

- When looking at colleges, check out disability services websites & visit office.
- Need to be accepted to Institution First (prior to registering for accommodations)
- Meet with ODS/DSS staff/ counselors (ask about process and what is available on campus)
- Apply to Disability Services, Intake appt usually in June prior to fall semester.

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Documentation Needed

- Be prepared!
- Send/Submit Documentation
 - Self-Report (Self Advocacy)
 - Dr. Notes & Diagnosis
 - Assessments & Evaluations
 - IEP/504 Plan for history
- Each college is different, check websites, call and meet with counselor

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Self-Advocacy & Awareness

- Students-Know your Disability, learning strengths and preferences. (Role play conversations with counselor, educator or parent). Student Self-Evaluation: <http://qiat-ps.org/tools/student-self-evaluation-matrix/>
- What accommodations do you need; why?
- *Parents- counselors will be speaking to the student (your child) as an adult, do not attempt to speak for them. Teach self-advocacy.

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Pre-College Exposure to AT

- Awareness - Students need to know what to ask for and options.
- Human Resources in the K-12 System are often replaced by AT Resources in College
 - Human Reader → Text-to-Speech Technology
 - Human Scribe → Speech-to-Text Technology(Scribes are provided for some students as needed)
- Students need to “hit the ground running.” Already a lot to learn as a freshman!
- Vocational Rehabilitation- Get a Counselor Involved before graduation! (Funding for AT Eval and Technology)

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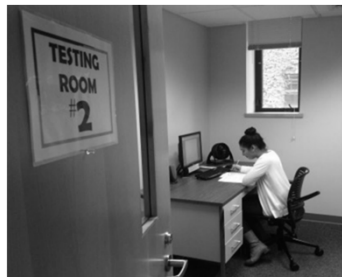
Accommodation Process

- Different at each institution; CONFIDENTIAL (no one knows unless you choose to disclose).
- Meet with counselors, get letters of accommodation (details).
- Accommodation Letters to Professors/Instructors.
- Make a Plan (email, personal meeting, advocate).

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What Accommodations are Available in College, What can I ask for?

- Generally Offered- ET (extended time for tests and quizzes only), use your syllabus for assignments! Time management/ task management.
- Quiet/Separate Space for Testing
- Alternative Text, Accessible Textbooks (audio, digital, braille, large print).
- Note taking services (person, livescribe pen, ipad apps, audio recording)
- Captioning & Sign Language Interpreters
- Reduced Course Load & Transportation/ Navigation Support



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What Accommodations are Available in College, What can I ask for ?

- Assistive Technology (literacy software, smart pen, tablets and apps, magnification, screen readers, voice recognition, etc).



Hear what students have to say about using AT in college:

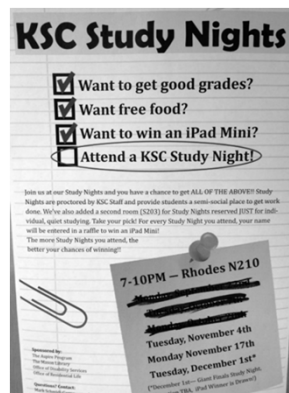
Link to Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaEp5aWN3ik>

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Resources on Campus for ALL Students

- Study skills and sessions, time management
- Math Support
- Writing Labs
- TRIO (low income, first generation, disabilities) SSS, Upward Bound
- Need more support? Look into DSS offices that offer fee based one-on-one programs



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Demo and AT Options

- Software, Apps & Extensions and Built-In Accessibility. (iOS & Google)
- Literacy support, executive functioning support, physical support and sensory support.
- Free, Low Cost and Paid Options
- Bookshare, Learning Ally, Newsela, Access Text Network
- Link to Keene State AT Website (Developed by Alyssa Marinaccio to help expose students to AT options): ods.keene.edu

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