

Differences between high school and college for students with an IEP

High School	College
Identification	
The school district is responsible to identify the student's disability.	Students must self-identify by requesting accommodations and providing documentation of their disability.
Special Education Services	
The IEP team develops the IEP to define educational goals, supports and services that will be provided.	No IEP is written for college students. Special Education services are not provided in college.
Accommodations and Modifications	
Accommodations or modifications to the curriculum are made to ensure completion of the general education requirements of the school district.	<i>Accommodations</i> are provided to ensure <i>equal access to education</i> . <i>Reasonable accommodations</i> based on the student's documented disability are allowed. <i>Modifications</i> to the curriculum are not available at the college level.
Teachers provide reminders of homework due and when tests will be taken. Extended time for completion may be granted.	Students are expected to read the syllabus provided in each course and complete assignments independently and on time.
Behavior Supports	
Educators are responsible to put supports in place for inappropriate behavior that may be caused by a student's disability.	Students are responsible for their own behavior at all times and are held to the same standards of behavior as all college students.
Parental Involvement	
Parents are actively involved in their student's educational planning and decisions.	Students are responsible for making decisions related to their education and are expected to advocate for themselves.
Parents can discuss their student's progress with teachers.	A student must sign a 'release of information' for parents to speak with college personnel.
Parents sign documents for their student who is under the age of 18.	Students sign documents for themselves.
Other Differences	
Schools have a system set up for providing transportation to and from school (ex. Buses).	Students are responsible for finding their own way to and from campus for classes.
Daily attendance is monitored and recorded by the high school. High school staff can contact parents if student is not in attendance.	College does not contact student or parent if student misses class. Students should attend all college classes. Some professors take daily attendance, others do not.