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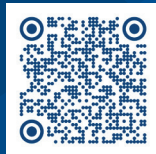
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Disability Support Services at OTC is here to serve you. We work with faculty, staff, students and the community to encourage a learning environment where all students are valued. Our office coordinates accommodations that address physical and non-physical academic challenges.

A GUIDE TO:

Understanding the Differences Between High School and College For Students with Disabilities



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Disability Support Services

Legal Differences

High School

- Services are provided under IDEA or Section 504, Subpart D.
- An IEP, a written legal document which lays out a student's special education instruction, supports, and services, is mandated and followed.
- The student has a right to an education paid for by the state; therefore, special programs are created to meet their needs.
- Parents are actively involved in planning and decision-making.
- Accommodations are provided to ensure the success of the student.
- School districts are responsible for identifying and evaluating disability at no cost to the student or their family.
- Parents sign documents for the student.
- School personnel may speak freely with parents without the student's consent.

College

- Services are provided under ADA/ADAAA and Section 504, Subpart E.
- There is no IEP at the college level. Rather, a plan is developed which lays out a student's accommodations.
- A college education is a privilege instead of a right; therefore, special programs are not required.
- Students are considered adults and must advocate for themselves.
- Accommodations are provided to address equal access. Success is the responsibility of the student.
- The student must self-identify and provide appropriate and current documentation based on the college's requirements. The college is not responsible for the cost of evaluations.
- Students sign for themselves.
- The Buckley Amendment/FERPA requires the student give written permission for school personnel to speak with parents, faculty, funding sources, etc.

Academic Differences

High School

- School personnel have the responsibility of recognizing inappropriate behaviors and shaping or redirecting.
- Shortened and/or modified assignments and exams are often given as accommodations.
- Teachers are asked to adapt their teaching mode to the student.
- Students may be scheduled with resource personnel on a regular basis or come to the resource room as needed.
- Students' studies are directed by special education teachers.
- Special educators inform instructors about a student's accommodation needs.
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing students have interpreting services provided.

College

- Students are responsible for their own behavior. Inappropriate behavior will be addressed according to the student handbook.
- All students are expected to complete the same tests and assignments.
- Faculty have academic freedom in regard to the selection, delivery and evaluation of course content.
- Students must initiate requests for disability support services and accommodations.
- Students must have skills to organize, plan, and study independently.
- After accommodations have been determined, the student speaks with their instructors about their accommodation needs.
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing students must request interpreting services.

Other Differences

High School

- Transportation and mobility assistance are provided by the school.
- Paraprofessionals may be provided to assist with a student's personal care, individualized instruction and/or behavior management.
- Assistive technology is used minimally.

College

- Transportation and mobility are the responsibility of the student.
- The college is not responsible for providing assistance with personal care, individualized instruction, and/or behavior management.
- Assistive technology is available for student use and encouraged to increase access and independence.



Find more information at
[academics.otc.edu/
disabilitysupport](https://academics.otc.edu/disabilitysupport)

More information on transition to college can be found by searching online for:

- Missouri AHEAD College Guidebook
- Missouri Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Information