

Different Law Apply

High School Versus College

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater

Transition Program

Project ASSIST

Summer, 2005

Laws: High School

- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (See Subpart D)
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- Civil Rights Restoration Act



Laws: College

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High School

- Identify students with disabilities
- Provide assessment
- Classify disability
- Decisions, parent/guardian
- Place student in programs by placement committee

High School (cont.)

- Structure schedule
- Modify programs
- IEPs
- Free and appropriate education
- Provide appropriate health support services

College

- Protect privacy, confidentiality
- Provide access
- Inform students how to request accommodations
- Accept documentation for disability
- Determine limitations of impairment

College (cont.)

- Determine if student qualifies for participation (with or without accommodation) and, if so, is reasonable accommodation possible
- Make reasonable accommodations if student meets above criteria
- Inform students of rights, responsibilities

Student Responsibility

- Self-identify disability
- Provide documentation
- Obtain assessments
- Contact instructors for accommodations
- Utilize appropriate services, when available

College NOT Required

- Reduce/waive essential program requirements
- Conduct assessments
- Provide attendants
- Prepare Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

Privacy

- College students are independent adult
- College staff cannot share information about academic activities with parents/guardians



Tips for Success

- Develop strategies, study skills, support network
- Attend class
- Arrive on time, pay attention, participate
- Keep up with assigned reading

Tips for Success (cont.)

- Talk to the instructor; ask questions
- If you need assistance, ask the instructor for help right away, not after you are failing
- Complete, check all work; turn in neat, clear assignments

Tips for Success (cont.)

- Monitor your progress; if behind, ask for help
- Stay in contact with Project ASSIST, support staff, professors
- Utilize a campus resource, that's why they are there

Want to Learn More?

LD Online: Getting Ready for College

http://www.ldonline.org/ld_indepth/postsecondary/hrc_gettingready.html

- LD Online maintains a Web page to help students better understand and adjust to the differences between high school and college.
- Be sure to look at the links for useful resources too!