

How to Best Prepare Your High School Student for Community College

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Accommodations vs. Modifications

High school (child)

- ▶ IDEA
- ▶ Student has IEP
- ▶ Teachers/parents advocates
- ▶ Staff initiates accommodations
- ▶ Students attendance is required and monitored
- ▶ Teachers don't drop students students
- ▶ Curriculum can be modified
- ▶ Parent can access student records records

College (Adult)

- ADA & Section 504
- Student must provide documentation and request services
- Student advocates
- Student initiates accommodations
- Students have more choice and freedom
- Professors have the option to drop
- No modifications to curriculum
- Parent must have permission to access



Preparing for Community College

While still in high school

- ▶ Wean off 1:1 aides
- ▶ Start thinking about a potential major
 - ▶ Community colleges will require that freshman choose a major at the time of application. This major can be changed, but will may drive the type of courses that a student takes, even at the general education level



Preparing for Community College

Learning to Self Advocate

- ▶ Work with your child on learning about their disability, their challenges, their needs, and their strengths
 - ▶ This will help them in the process of learning what they should self-advocate for in college and beyond
 - ▶ Have your child start to participate in their own IEP meetings
 - ▶ This is a great step in the process of passing on the advocacy responsibilities from you to your child...both exciting and scary
 - ▶ Make sure student fills out their own application and participates in DVC application process (use their e-mail..., FERPA....)



Preparing for Community College

Senior year HS and summer before Freshman year

- ▶ Prepare for a potential change in accommodations or the way accommodations are administered
- ▶ Know the process for requesting or activating accommodations at your community college
- ▶ Visit the campus in the summer when it is not crowded and learn where classes, student services, tutoring center, etc. are on campus
- ▶ Bring IEP/senior year binder to first Disability Support Services counseling appointment
- ▶ Attend any Welcome Day, Orientation Day, etc. that is offered at the community college prior to the start of Fall semester
- ▶ Do not take summer courses the summer prior to beginning college



Common Accommodations in Post Secondary Education

Your student may be eligible for some or all of the below accommodations

- Testing accommodations
- Kurzweil text to speech
- Notetaking services
 - Smartpens
- Mobility services
- Priority registration
- Academic counseling



Current Application/Registration Process for Incoming Freshman

- Currently, incoming freshman with an IEP or 504 plan should NOT take Couns 095, they should follow the process outlined on the Getting Started checklist



DVC Disability Support Services Parent Nights

- ▶ We will be holding two parent nights for parents of incoming freshman where we will discuss the transition from high school to DVC for students with disabilities

Wednesday, February 20th

5:30 – 7:00

Thursday, March 7th

5:30 – 7:00

BFL Community Conference Room

Diablo Valley College



California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

- ▶ California Department of Rehabilitation is an employment and independent living resource for people with disabilities.
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