

## High School and College Comparison - How Accommodations Differ

There are different federal laws in place regarding students with disabilities and education.

One set of laws applies to students with disabilities in grades K-12. These laws include the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (**IDEA**), Free Appropriate Education (**FAPE**), and The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, **Subpart D**.

The other set of laws applies to students with disabilities in college. These laws include The Americans with Disabilities Act (**ADA**) and The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, **Subpart E**.

Below is a brief overview highlighting some of the differences between these laws as they relate to students with disabilities in high school compared to students with disabilities in college.

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| Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ( <b>IDEA</b> ), Free Appropriate Education ( <b>FAPE</b> )<br>The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504<br><b>Subpart D</b> |   | The Americans with Disabilities Act ( <b>ADA</b> )<br>The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504,<br><b>Subpart E</b> . |  |
| <b>To Whom Does This Apply?</b>  | Free Appropriate Public Education to each student with a disability, regardless of the nature or severity of the disability   | <b>To Whom Does This Apply?</b>  | Student with a disability who meets the <b>academic standards</b> of the college (i.e. placement testing places student in college-level classes)                                    |
| <b>What Services Are Offered?</b>  | Ensure all students with a disability have available to them an education and related services designed to meet their unique needs and prepare them for further education | <b>What Services Are Offered?</b>  | Accommodations that afford students with disabilities <b>equal opportunity</b> to obtain the same result, gain the same benefit, or reach the same level as their non-disabled peers |
| <b>Parental Involvement</b>  | Parents have meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children   | <b>Parental Involvement</b>  | Student is considered a college student and accepts the rights and responsibilities associated with being a college student  |
| <b>Expectations</b>  | Teachers and staff help students learn, understand, and remember class materials  | <b>Expectations</b>  | The student is expected to learn, understand, and remember class materials   |
| <b>Who Knows?</b>  | Teachers and staff are aware which students have an IEP/ETR, ISP, or 504 Plan   | <b>Who Knows?</b>  | Student must <b>self-disclose</b> their disability to their Instructor   |
| <b>What Document Shows My Accommodations?</b>  | IEP/ETR, 504 Plan, ISP etc.   | <b>What Document Shows My Accommodations?</b>  | Your DS Advocate will create your <b>Letter of Accommodation</b>   |