Differences in Disability Services Provided in…. High School & College

Differences in Governance

High Schools are governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).	Colleges are governed by the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act but not governed by IDEA.
In High School, parents are notified and required by law to give permission for any decisions regarding their son or daughter.	The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) mandates that the College cannot release any information concerning an adult over the age of 18 unless the student has given explicit written permission.

Differences in Responsibility

High Schools are responsible for the right to education for all children.	The student is responsible to choose whether or not to attend College and to demonstrate qualifications for College attendance.
High Schools are responsible to provide free disability evaluations and documentation.	The student is responsible for providing current documentation of their disability to the college.
High Schools are responsible for creating an Individual Educational Plan (IEP) that determines placement and appropriate support services.	The student is responsible for planning his/her own education, identifying resources, and requesting reasonable accommodations.
High Schools are responsible for implementing the IEP, making services available and including them in the schedule.	The student is responsible for implementing their own academic plan and requesting services each time they are needed.
The school is responsible for fundamental curriculum alterations to allow individualized goals and objectives.	The student is responsible for meeting the unaltered fundamental College academic standards, standard course objectives, code of conduct, and program requirements.
High Schools are responsible to provide personal services such as transportation, mobility between classes, or content tutoring beyond that offered by regular classes.	The student is responsible to provide their own personal services to assure their own independence and safety.
High School administrators, teachers and parents advocate for students.	The student is responsible to advocate for himself/herself in college.

Resources and Links: *Students with disabilities preparing for post-secondary education: Know your rights and responsibilities. U.S. Department of Education:* www.ed.gov/ocr/transition.html

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