

ADA & Accommodations in College

Know Your Rights & Responsibilities

When you go to college or take a college course (regardless of location or modality), you become a college student. There are major differences in the rules high schools (IDEA or Section 504, Subpart D) and colleges (ADA and Section 504, Subpart E) follow in terms of disability services. It is important to learn these differences and prepare for them.

All early college courses are college courses and abide by college-level policies.

High School



College

The IEP is mandated and followed.

The high school IEP ends; colleges do not use IEPs.

Accommodations are provided to ensure the success of the student.

Accommodations are provided to ensure equal access; success is the responsibility of the student.

Parents are actively involved in planning and decisions. High school staff talk freely with parents.

Students should advocate for themselves. Students must give written permission for college staff to speak with parents.

Paraprofessionals (Ed Techs) or specialized services are provided to individual students.

All students are welcome to use general academic tutors and learning labs but no specialized supports are offered.

Your Next Steps

EXPLORE
your college
& course
options

CONNECT
with the ADA
Coordinator at
the college

GATHER
all required
documents &
evidence

BEGIN
studies and
use all support
services

Contact our ADA Offices directly for complete guidance:

CMCC: disabilityservices@cmcc.edu

EMCC: access@emcc.edu

KVCC: disability@kvcc.me.edu

NMCC: disability@nmcc.edu



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