

RECIPE FOR SUCCESS 2016



NUTS AND BOLTS

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DIFFERENCES BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

- ◉ Different Laws- ADA/504E vs IDEA/504D
 - Access not Success- Success is your job.
 - Same standards for students
- ◉ Semester/Trimester (compressed timeline)
- ◉ Classes don't meet everyday
- ◉ Grades based more on big papers and exams, less on homework
- ◉ D does not equal diploma, C=diploma
- ◉ You are responsible, not teachers and parents. No one will remind you.
- ◉ Have to attend class!!!

ADVOCACY AND DOCUMENTATION

- You are expected to manage your accommodations by requesting from Disabilities Office and informing professors.
- IEP's and 504 plans don't transfer to college no matter what you are told by your school.
 - They can offer helpful information but colleges are not obligated to follow it.
- You must provide documentation of your disability and need for accommodations to the Disabilities Office.
 - You may be asked to discuss your accommodation requests with the Disabilities Office, be prepared.
 - Know your disability

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

- ◉ Accommodations are meant to level the playing field, not to ensure you pass the class.
- ◉ Common College Accommodations:
 - Extra time on exams
 - Distraction reduced testing location
 - E-text or audiobooks
 - Note-taking assistance
 - Assistive Technology
 - Calculator
 - Computer for essay exams
 - Recording of class lectures

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS

- **High School Accommodations Not in College**
 - Tests read to you by a person (rare).
 - Taking answers out of multiple choice tests.
 - Giving you pre-highlighted books.
 - Substitutions for hard classes.
 - Safety net grades
 - Extensions on assignments
 - Modified assignments
 - Teacher to clarify test questions
 - Redo a test or assignment
 - Attendance exemptions

RESOURCES ON CAMPUS

- ◉ You (student) are expected to access resources:
- ◉ Disabilities Office
- ◉ Writing Center
- ◉ Tutoring
- ◉ Professor's Office Hours
- ◉ Advising
- ◉ Residence Life Staff
- ◉ Health Center
- ◉ Counseling

LIFE ON CAMPUS- RESIDENT

- ◉ Manage your own time and make your own decisions.
- ◉ Live with other students and share a room.
- ◉ Job- On or Off Campus
- ◉ Student Activities
 - Clubs, Concerts, Trips, NCAA Sports, Community Service, Theater, Intramurals
- ◉ All meals on campus
- ◉ Study Groups (group work is encouraged)
- ◉ Cars? Not for Freshman

LIFE AT CAMPUS- COMMUTERS

- ◉ Learn to connect with others you don't know.
- ◉ Where to park?
- ◉ Clubs and academic supports
- ◉ Eating fewer meals on campus
- ◉ Can feel disconnected.
- ◉ Professors vs. Adjuncts
- ◉ Can still access all the same supports as residential students.
- ◉ Not everyone is ready or wants to live in a college dormitory.

CONSIDERATIONS WHEN CHOOSING A COLLEGE

1. What accommodations am I entitled to and what ones am I not?
2. Are the staff in the Disabilities Office friendly and helpful?
3. Am I ready to handle being a self-advocate?
4. Do students with disabilities have a lot of other supports and resources at this college?
5. Does the college have support services in my areas of weakness? Technology available?