AT & Accommodations in Post-Secondary Education: Supporting Successful Transition

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## Laws & Accommodations

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<td>IEP teams to consider the assistive technology needs of all children with disabilities. The law requires schools to use assistive technology devices and services &quot;to maximize accessibility for children with disabilities.&quot; <em>(20 U.S.C. 1400(c)(5)(H))</em></td>
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<td>Documentation of Disability Required (IEP is used as a reference for history of accommodations provided)</td>
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Where/When to Start

- When looking at colleges, check out disability services websites & visit office.

- Need to be accepted to Institution First (prior to registering for accommodations)

- Meet with ODS/DSS staff/ counselors (ask about process and what is available on campus)

- Apply to Disability Services, Intake appt usually in June prior to fall semester.
Documentation Needed

- Be prepared!
- Send/Submit Documentation
  - Self-Report (Self Advocacy)
  - Dr. Notes & Diagnosis
  - Assessments & Evaluations
  - IEP/504 Plan for history
- Each college is different, check websites, call and meet with counselor

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Self-Advocacy & Awareness

- Students-Know your Disability, learning strengths and needs/preferences. (Role play conversations with counselor, educator or parent). Student Self-Evaluation: [http://qiat-ps.org/collaborators/](http://qiat-ps.org/collaborators/)
- What accommodations do you need; why?
- *Parents- counselors will be speaking to the student (your child) as an adult, do not attempt to speak for them. Teach self-advocacy.

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Pre-College Exposure to AT

- Awareness - Students need to know what to ask for and options.

- Human Resources in the K-12 System are often replaced by AT Resources in College
  - Human Reader → Text-to-Speech Technology
  - Human Scribe → Speech-to-Text Technology
  (Scribes are provided for some students as needed)

- Students need to “hit the ground running.” Already a lot to learn as a freshman!

- Vocational Rehabilitation- Get a Counselor Involved before graduation! (Funding for AT Eval and Technology)
Accommodation Process

- Different at each institution; CONFIDENTIAL (no one knows unless you choose to disclose).

- Meet with counselors, get letters of accommodation (details).

- Accommodation Letters to Professors/Instructors.

- Make a Plan (email, personal meeting, advocate).

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What Accommodations are Available in College,
What can I ask for?

- Generally Offered- ET (extended time for tests and quizzes only), use your syllabus for assignments! Time management/ task management.

- Quiet/Separate Space for Testing

- Alternative Text, Accessible Textbooks (audio, digital, braille, large print).

- Note taking services (person, livescribe pen, apps, audio recording)

- Captioning & Sign Language Interpreters

- Reduced Course Load & Transportation/ Navigation Support

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What Accommodations are Available in College, What can I ask for?

- Assistive Technology (literacy software, smart pen, tablets and apps, magnification, screen readers, voice recognition, etc).

Hear what students have to say about using AT in college:

Link to Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NaEp5aWN3ik

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Resources on Campus for ALL Students

- Study skills and sessions, time management
- Math Support
- Writing Labs
- TRIO (low income, first generation, disabilities) SSS, Upward Bound
- Need more support? Look into DSS offices that offer fee based one-on-one programs

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Think College Website for ID

- Resources, Training, Transition programs, Colleges
- Options for Students with Intellectual Disabilities

http://www.thinkcollege.net/
Demo and AT Options

- Software, Apps & Extensions and Built-In Accessibility. (iOS & Google)

- Literacy support, executive functioning support, physical support and sensory support.

- Low Cost and Paid Options
- Bookshare, Learning Ally, Newsela, Access Text Network
- Link to Keene State AT Website: ods.keene.edu

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