RECIPE FOR SUCCESS 2016
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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!!!
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 are 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
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?