

## High School Modifications vs. College Accommodations

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
The IDEA law governs modifications. Parents and teachers have much responsibility for your success, and you have a right to an education and a diploma.	<b>YOU</b> are responsible for your success or failure. You are guaranteed an equal opportunity for a college degree. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA govern accommodation decisions.
Parents, teachers, or other staff identify you as needing modifications or accommodations.	<b>YOU</b> must identify yourself and present documents to justify specific accommodations.
Your parents are responsible for making sure the school is accommodating you appropriately. ARD meetings and counselor meetings evaluate your success with the modifications assigned.	It is <b>YOUR</b> responsibility to initiate the process and to make the appropriate office aware if you are not being accommodated or if your accommodations are not satisfactory.
Teachers give you frequent feedback, check on your completed homework, approach you if they believe you need assistance, take time to remind you of assignments and due dates, and remind you of incomplete work.	<b>YOU</b> must ask the instructor for feedback, contact the instructor if you need help, know when your assignments and tests are due, and remember to complete your homework.
Teachers tell you several times what you need to learn from assigned readings and emphasize what you are expected to remember for tests. You may spend as little as 2 hours outside of class studying.	It is up to <b>YOU</b> to read and understand the assigned material. Reading material to be used on tests may or may not be discussed in class. You need to study at least 2-3 hours outside of class for <i>each hour</i> you are in class.
Testing covers small amounts of material and is frequent. Teachers usually will remind you to make up missed tests. Credit may be given for effort. Mastery is often seen as the ability to reproduce what you were taught.	Exams usually cover large amounts of material and are infrequent. <b>YOU</b> must contact your instructor to discuss missed exams. Makeup tests are not always available. Seldom is credit given for effort on the college level. Mastery is seen as the ability to apply what you have learned to new situations.

### Tips for College

**Communicate with your Instructors and Advisors**— Don't hesitate to schedule an appointment during your instructor's office hours. Be sure to schedule an appointment with your advisor to enroll in courses for the next semester.

**Attend EVERY class**— Although class attendance is not required in college, it is a good habit to practice and will reinforce learning.

**Be Organized**— Come to each class with all required materials, the course textbook and a folder to store returned assignments and exams in. Organize and manage your time wisely.

**Network with Your Peers**— Get the phone number and/or email address of at least one classmate in every class in case you miss a class and need the notes/information from that class.

