

Students with Disabilities

Differences Between High School & Postsecondary



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Laws: *IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) *504 (Section 504, Rehab Act, 1973) *ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990)	*504 (Section 504, Rehab Act, 1973) *ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act, 1990)
Responsibility: School districts are responsible for identifying, evaluating and planning educational interventions.	Students are responsible for self-identification and for obtaining disability services
Intent: *Legal mandate *Foster success IDEA is to provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment to eligible students with disabilities, including special education and related services. 504/ADA are to ensure that no otherwise qualified person with a disability is denied access to, benefits of, or is subjected to discrimination in any program or activity provided by any public institution or entity. All infants, children and youth requiring special education services until the age of 21 or graduation from high school are covered. A list of disabilities is provided in IDEA, and includes specific learning disabilities.	*Civil rights, nondiscrimination *Equal access 504/ADA ensures that no otherwise qualified person with a disability will be denied access to, the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by any public institution or entity. All qualified persons with disabilities who meet the entry level age criteria or particular program entry criteria of the post-secondary institution and who can document the existence of a disability as defined by the ADA are covered. Disability is defined as "any physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; having a record of such impairment; or being regarded as having an impairment."