



Important Information for Dual Enrollment Students at Montgomery County Community College

- Dual enrollment students must register with Disability Services to receive accommodations in college. This should be done before a student's first semester begins, to have accommodations in place before the start of the semester.
- High school accommodations do not "follow" the student to higher education. I.E.P.s and 504 Plans do not apply to courses taken at the College.
- Different federal laws govern services for students with disabilities in college vs. K-12, so the processes for receiving services and available accommodations are different.
- To receive accommodations in college, the student must self-identify to Disability Services, provide documentation that satisfies the College's guidelines, and meet with a member of the Disability Services team for an Intake interview.
- In higher education, accommodations are determined on a case-by-case basis in an interactive process with the student. We cannot predict in advance what accommodations a student may be eligible for.
- Not all accommodations a student had in high school are possible in higher education. In college, no modifications are made to the essential course or program requirements.
- In college, all students, regardless of whether they have a disability, must do all the same work, follow the pace of the course, and achieve the same minimal standard (or grade) to receive credit for a course.
- Because all students must keep up with the pace of assignments and meet all other course requirements, students with disabilities may manage their workload by taking fewer courses.
- I.E.P.s and 504 Plans alone are rarely adequate documentation for higher education. They are plans for carrying out laws that apply only to K-12 and do not typically contain sufficient information to determine the current functional impact of the disability in the College setting. Information about Montco's Documentation Guidelines is available on the [Disability Services webpage](#).
- In college, Disability Services and faculty communicate directly with the student, not the parents, guardians, or others.
- Please visit the [Disability Services webpage](#) for directions about how to register with our office or contact Disabilities@mc3.edu.