

Understanding disability laws and college services

Disability laws: [IDEA vs. ADA](#)

Explore College supports:

[GMU DSS](#) & [Learning Service](#); [NVCC DSS](#)

IDEA
Law of Entitlement

**K-12 public schools must
provide special education**



Goal to guarantee SUCCESS

ADA
Civil Rights Law

**Colleges must give reasonable
accommodations**



Goal to guarantee ACCESS

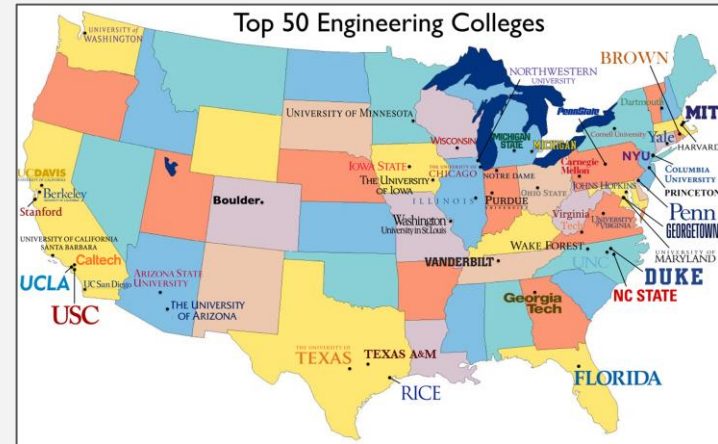
IDEA - K-12 public school special education

Every student must have free and appropriate education in the least restrictive setting.



ADA - reasonable accommodations

Students apply and are accepted to college. Disability is not a part of college applications.



IDEA - K-12 public school special education

IEP supports student in general education as much as possible.



- General education
- Team taught
- Small group classes

ADA - reasonable accommodations

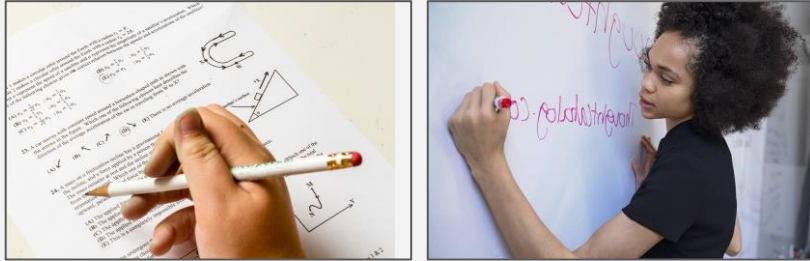
All students participate in regular college classes.



- Only have general education classes

IDEA - K-12 public school special education

Teachers can modify curriculum.



- Shorten assignment
- Alternative assignment
- Individualized grading

ADA - reasonable accommodations

College professors do not modify curriculum.



- Students do the same work
- Students are graded the same

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Annual IEP meeting to set plan for services, accommodations, and class settings.



ADA - reasonable accommodations

Student meets with disability support services counselor. They make an accommodation letter.



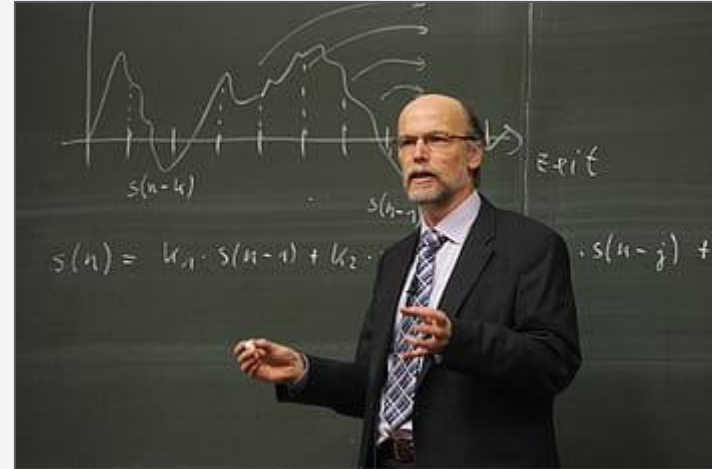
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Teachers have copy of IEP.
They understand student needs, accommodations, and services.



ADA - reasonable accommodations

Professor only has copy of accommodation letter. They provide accommodations when student asks.



Do you want college accommodations?

Do you need extended time for exams/classwork?

Do you need breaks from class?

Is it hard to take detailed class notes?

Is it helpful to test in a quiet location?

Do you learn better during certain times of the day?

Do you want to use college learning services?

Is it hard to stay organized?

Is it hard to complete school work on time?

Is it hard to learn in certain classes?

Could you use help from a tutor?

Could you use help with math or writing assignments?

College Disability Support Services

Classroom accommodations

- Extended time for exams
- priority registration
- Testing in alternate location
- Preferential seating
- Copies of class notes
- Mark answers on computer
- Reduced emphasis on tardiness

Assistive technology services

- Recording class lectures
- Speech to text software
Google Voice
- Screen reader software
Microsoft Edge
- Audio / digital textbooks

College Learning services

Advisors, Tutors, and Resources

- Academic success coach
- Academic advisor
- Career Center
- Math Center
- Writing Center
- Academic Tutors

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?



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