504 Accommodations in High School

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Does my child need a 504?

- Have a conversation with your child's high school counselor
- Connect with your child's teachers
- 504 coordinator works closely with the counselor and teachers

504 Process

- Reviewed annually, and every three years for a triennial reevaluation to determine eligibility. If new information is obtained through private reports, please let me know so we can discuss doing a reevaluation to update qualifications
- Teachers notified from me at beginning of year of 504s
- Touch base with the teacher if your child has a more extensive 504
- Carries on from the date of last meeting
- Collaboration of 504 Knowledgeable Committee (principal/designee-me, teacher, student, parents) to determine appropriate accommodations.
 Teachers send in feedback prior to the meeting
- Students are always invited to attend the 504. Students have a voice in developing their 504s

Communication and Self-Advocacy

- Communication is key! Communicate early on in the year.
- Encourage students to talk to or email their teachers and counselor.

Accommodations-Middle School vs. High School

- Some accommodations may change when in the high school setting (not all accommodations appropriate for MS are appropriate for HS)
- Accommodations may change or reduce as high school progresses
- College Board accommodations are a separate application process (SATs, PSATs, APs). Plan ahead! This takes several weeks (6-8) to get approved
- College accommodations/dual enrollment are also a separate process. If you are taking classes through NOVA or another campus, you need to apply for their accommodations as well

Accommodations-Beyond High School

- You can take 504 accommodations to college, but it is a separate process and the student is responsible for setting it up. Visit the college's Office of Disability Services to do this (information is usually available online too)
- Accommodations can vary by college/university
- If it has been awhile since your child has been evaluated, it is recommended that you get updated evals from your doctor (many colleges will ask for this)