# Differences Between High School & College Student – Parent Resource

## HIGH SCHOOL

### IDENTIFYING & TESTING FOR A DISABILITY
- Students have little or no responsibility for identifying their needs and seeking help.
- Schools provide testing for disabilities.

### ACCESS TO SERVICES
- Schools must guarantee a path for academic success of the student with disabilities.
- Academic services determined yearly by IEP/504 Plan (a plan made by parents, professionals, & teachers).
- Teachers give assignments daily, offer frequent reminders, and often permit students extra time to complete their work.

### ADVOCATING & DECISION MAKING
- Teachers are responsible for identifying and working with students experiencing academic difficulty.
- School personnel and parents alert teachers to students with disabilities in their classrooms and how to work with them.
- Parents, professionals, and teachers determine when services aren’t effective and make adjustments.
- School specialists and parents inform teachers of specific services or adjustments.

## COLLEGE

### IDENTIFYING & TESTING FOR A DISABILITY
- Students are responsible for identifying their needs, seeking help, and monitoring the effectiveness of their accommodations.
- Students are responsible for obtaining and providing the results of testing that documents their disabilities (documentation).

### ACCESS TO SERVICES
- School must provide equal access, but academic success is up to the student.
- Accommodations are requested during a meeting between student and Office of Disability Services staff.
- Students must read and follow deadlines established in the syllabus.

### ADVOCATING & DECISION MAKING
- Students must recognize when they need additional help and seek out the appropriate resources.
- Students are responsible for actively communicating with their faculty by sharing their accommodation letters and discussing implementation.
- Students must decide if their accommodations are effective, and if not, must contact the Office of Disability Services to discuss concern.
- Students are solely responsible for requesting accommodations.