

Information for High School Students and their Parents

Disability Services (DS)



Support is available! – DS will coordinate academic adjustments needed on the basis of disability and will also serve as a resource. We have workshops and training opportunities!

Visit the Disability Services Virtual Lobby to ask questions and learn more!

www.pcc.edu/disability

Students needing accommodation must:

1. Meet with DS personnel to develop a plan,
2. Request reasonable accommodations, and
3. Communicate with DS and instructors to resolve accommodation related concerns.

Students are provided with reasonable accommodations to “level the playing field” but these adjustments are meant to ensure equal access not to guarantee success.

Students need to meet with Disability Services initially to get eligibility set up, then they need to request accommodation for each course each term. Different classes may require different accommodations, but our online system makes it easy, and we are always here to provide support. Once requests have been made, instructors receive notifications that outline the accommodations that have been approved. If there are questions or concerns on the part of students or their instructors, DS will help to resolve them.

Students will be:

Held to the same standards and expectations as all other students, and
Evaluated by the same criteria regarding test scores, quality of work, and conduct.

Students need to be their own advocate:

High School students may be used to having parents speak for them. It can be hard to ask for help, to discuss disability openly. We understand that and try to provide a safe environment, but students must learn to advocate for themselves at the college and beyond.

Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education:

Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights

This is a brochure that clarifies the rights and responsibilities of the school and the student as they apply in the school district versus in institutions of higher education. It is a great resource for students and their parents that can be ordered free of charge by calling 1-877-4-ED-PUBS or can be accessed online at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html>