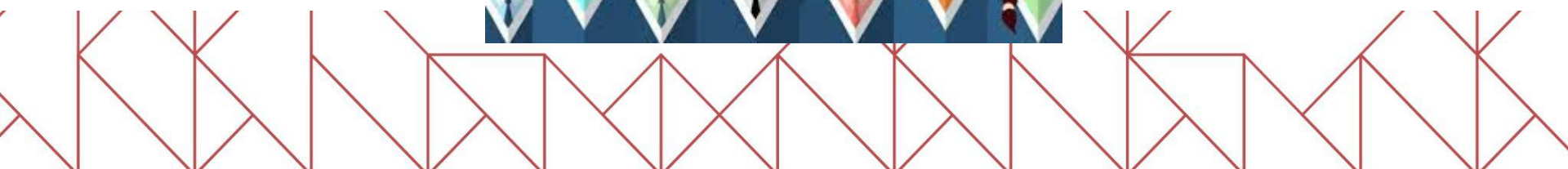


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ADA Law & College Accommodations

- Colleges in the United States are governed by the Americans with Disabilities Act & Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Each school has a Disability / Accessibility Service Office
- Students **MUST** Self-Disclose the need for Accommodations
- Previously received accommodations aren't guaranteed in college

DISABILITY-RELATED CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS

Section 504

Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities that receive federal funding.

29 U.S.C § 794(a)

Title II of the ADA

Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in all public entities, including public colleges and universities, regardless of whether they receive federal funding.

42 U.S.C. § 12132

Title III of the ADA

Prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in places of public accommodation, including private postsecondary institutions.

42 U.S.C. §§ 12181(7)(i), 12182(a)

How to find who to contact at a college?

Go to the College or University Website

Search “Disability” or “Accessibility” in the search box

- If you search “Accommodation(s)” you may get information on housing so it’s not as useful.

Most schools will have a “Disability Support” office or an “Accessibility” office.

How to find documentation requirements?

Each school will have different documentation requirements so be sure to look for those also.

Search “Disability Documentation” or “Documentation Guidelines”



College Accommodations Documentation & Process

- Documentation guidelines and the accommodation request process will vary from school to school.

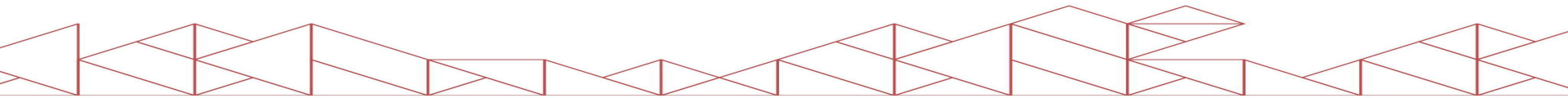
*This is not a comprehensive list, just a starting place of a few schools students from SAAS have previously enrolled in for college to get a feel for the process and documentation requirements.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wwMCYpAueqyaey8IJh2vYB30CdYjMLXocwwN1G6NYY/edit?usp=sharing>

Questions to Ask College Accessibility/Disability Offices

I recommend asking lots of questions so you understand the process & support options.

- Where do I go if I'm taking a test and need extra time?
- How much notice do I need to give if I'd like to use my accommodations?
- Will I work with just one person in your office or is there a certain person to go to if I have a problem or need something?
- What do you consider the most difficult classes for disability support students on this campus?
- Is tutoring available?
- How do I let teachers know about my accommodations?
- Are waivers or course substitutions offered ever?

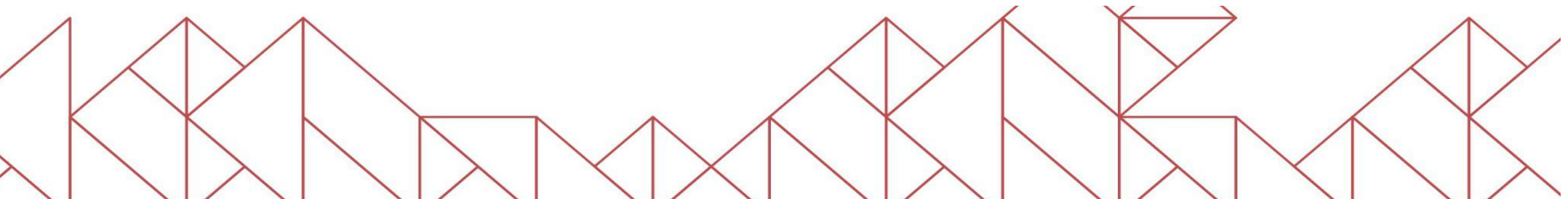


Housing Accommodations

Are managed separately from academic accommodations. Housing accommodations might include a residence hall.....

- *with an elevator
- *with a bathroom
- *with a single room
- *with a kitchen

Usually all requests for REASONABLE accommodations will be considered but colleges have limited numbers of rooms available.





Looking Ahead

- Make sure you know what your documentation says!
- Practice self-advocacy.
- Once a college decision is made, be sure to register for accommodations as soon as possible.
- In May of their SAAS senior year, students with accommodations will receive documentation needed to register their accommodations with their college:
 - A copy of their SAAS Accommodations Plan
 - A copy of their most recent evaluation