



AVON OLD FARMS SCHOOL

Accommodations at Avon Old Farms

Avon Old Farms is committed to equal access to all School programs and services and complies with applicable disability nondiscrimination requirements. Consistent with these requirements, the School pursues the goal of equal access through the provision of reasonable accommodations to otherwise qualified students with disabilities. Under this policy, a student with a disability may be provided with reasonable accommodations. A disability, as defined by applicable law, may include a mental or physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Disabilities may include, but are not limited to: mobility and orthopedic impairments, sensory impairments, psychological disorders, chronic health impairments, and learning disabilities. Please note that while a request for accommodations can be initiated at any point in the school year, accommodations cannot be applied retroactively.

Limitations

Avon Old Farms has established this Policy to make reasonable accommodations to School policies, practices, and procedures, unless such an accommodation would fundamentally alter the School's programs or services.

However, the School is NOT in a position to and does NOT:

- Make accommodations or provide support for services that fundamentally alter the School's curriculum, course requirements or other programs.
- Fundamentally alter consistently applied academic and student life policies that are based on established academic and behavioral standards.
- Make accommodations that would impose an undue burden upon the School.
- Guarantee success or bear responsibility for ensuring that students achieve a particular outcome in their courses.
- Pay for or provide items or services of a personal nature such as personal care assistance, personal medical, adaptive, or computer equipment; private transportation, or educational supplies used by all students.
- Pay for outside tutoring, counseling, or psychoeducational testing and evaluation. Referrals can be made to external providers of these services.



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Appropriate Documentation

A student's family will need to provide appropriate documentation to formally request accommodations at Avon Old Farms. Documentation must be current, relevant to the diagnosis, and compiled by a licensed professional. This may include medical records, neuropsychological evaluations, reports, and assessments. Documentation should detail how the diagnosed disability creates functional limitations on major life activities and substantiate the need for specific accommodations. For physical or medical conditions that will require accommodations throughout a student's time at Avon, full documentation should be provided at the time of enrollment. Documentation for temporary medical conditions (concussion, orthopedic injury, mononucleosis, etc) must be provided upon a student's return to campus and include both a start and end date for accommodations as well as a detailed plan of care. Avon Old Farms reserves the right to request updated or additional documentation and to speak with outside providers to better understand the needs of a student.

Requesting Academic Accommodations

A student's family should contact an Academic Dean and the Bigelow Learning Center after accepting an offer of enrollment or receiving a formal disability diagnosis. Requests for accommodations will require complete documentation of a disability in keeping with the School's policy, after which reasonable accommodations will be determined. Please note that it may take up to three weeks to review documentation and determine eligibility for accommodations.

Standardized Testing Accommodations

The College Board (PSAT, SAT, AP Exams) and the ACT have a separate application process to request accommodations and different requirements for documentation. The receipt of accommodations at Avon Old Farms does NOT guarantee receipt of accommodations on standardized tests, and while the School can facilitate the application for standardized testing accommodations, the School is not responsible for decisions made by outside testing agencies. Please consult the School's [Policy on Applications for Accommodations for Standardized Testing](#) for more detailed information.

Questions about accommodations should be directed to:

James Reece, Bigelow Learning Center
Brian Cugell, Jill Harrington or Rob Dowling, Academic Deans
Heather Callaghan, Health Center