

Your Legal Rights

Know your legal rights and responsibilities which may be different than what you have had in high school.

As a college student your rights are protected either by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990) www.ada.gov or Section 504 (Subpart E) of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 <http://Section504.gov>

You are responsible for disclosing information to the colleges and providing documentation and evaluation at your expense. You are entitled to your IEP's and 504 reviews when you are a senior.



Websites and College Guidebooks:

The Lake Forest High School Homepage and your Naviance Account: www.lfhs.org

Post-High School Planning Fair for Students with Special Needs:
www.postsecondarychoices.org

Illinois Special Ed:
<http://illinoisspecial.ed.com/>

Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (CHADD):
<http://www.chadd.org>

National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCID): <http://www.ncld.org>

Job Accommodation Network (JAN):
<http://www.jan.wvu.edu>

Things to Consider Before Joining the Military:
<http://usmilitary.about.com/od/joiningthemilitary/a/consider.html>

The K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADHD

The College Sourcebook for Students with Learning and Developmental Differences

Peterson's Guide to College for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADHD

College & Career Success for Students with Learning Disabilities by Roslyn Dolber

Lake Forest High School



*Post-Secondary
Options for
Students with
Special
Learning Needs*

The Right Choice For Me

Maybe you have been in an LRC all four years of high school or perhaps you started in an LRC and are now on monitor status. You may currently have a 504 plan.

One thing you know for sure is that you will graduate from high school and you need to decide where your next path will take you. There is a world of options and opportunities from which to choose!

By now you have or are becoming a self-advocate. In college it will be necessary for you to let your professors know if and when you need help. It is available, but only if YOU ask for it!

You must believe that you can be successful, make decisions, act independently, evaluate your performance, make necessary modifications and adjust goals and plans to improve your performance or to achieve success.

Where do I begin?

You must first decide what it is you want to do:

Do you want to attend a four-year college or university, a two-year community college, a vocational school, join the Armed Forces or go directly into the job market and start your career?

If you decide to pursue a degree at a four-year college or university or a two-year community college, will you need extra help with your studies? Will you need your tests read to you? Will you need extra time in completing tests and projects? Will you need a scribe? Will you need access to peer or teacher notes? These questions should be addressed during your IEP or 504 review with you, your case manager, your counselor and parents.

Now that I know what I need, how do I find colleges who offer services for me?

You and your counselor along with your case manager can help you find what best suits your needs. You may discover you need a school that has a separate program especially designed to address your special needs, which is similar to your LRC or one that offers special services more informally.

You should consider asking if there are separate fees for programs and services in addition to the college tuition.

What about a vocational school?

A vocational school will provide you with the skills you need to enter a particular career. This is where you can learn “hands on” abilities in technical fields and labor-related careers. You may still need help with your reading and tests so be sure to research vocational schools as well to see if special help for your needs is available.

I am interested in the Armed Forces, what do I need to do?

Arrange to meet with military recruiters during your junior and senior year to discuss the opportunities that are available to you during and after servicing in the Armed Forces. There are many military training options which lead to civilian jobs when your service is completed.