

Special Education (Disability Resources) at CCC for High School Connections Students

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How do I know if I need to work with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) and/or request reasonable accommodations for my college classes?

A: If a student receives special education services (has an IEP or 504 plan) in high school, accommodations for CCC courses may be available to address a documented disability. Students taking classes taught by CCC faculty (Expanded Options, High School CTE and High School Plus programs) who wish to have special education accommodations must request accommodations through CCC's DRC. Students must request renewal of accommodations every term through the DRC.

Q: How will the college know I need special education services/accommodations?

A: At CCC, students must self-identify by scheduling an appointment with the DRC and provide appropriate documentation of a disability to request reasonable accommodations.

Q: What is "appropriate documentation?"

A: Documentation must come from a qualified individual (like a doctor, psychologist or school's Special Education department). Complete guidelines for documentation of a disability can be found on the DRC website.

Q: If my parents send my records from high school to CCC, is that enough for me to receive accommodations?

A: No. Students must contact the DRC and request accommodations. CCC staff cannot release student information to parents or guardians without signed permission from students. Students may release information by submitting a FERPA form online at <https://wcmsstage.clackamas.edu/Advanced-College-Credit/Register-Returning.aspx> . This allows the person/people specified to communicate with CCC on the students behalf.

Q: Will I receive the same accommodations that I did in high school?

A: Accommodations may not be an exact match to those provided in high school. For example, a college instructor may not alter curriculum or course content for a college student, but a high school instructor may have been able to do so for a high school student because of the services specified by the high school's special education department. However, there are other accommodations that may be able to provide the same level of assistance like recording equipment to record lectures, speech to text services and scribes/reader technology.

Q: How do I make an appointment with the Disability Resource Center?

Email or call the DRC at drc@clackamas.edu or 503-594-6357 to schedule an appointment.

Q: How will my college instructors know I have accommodations?

A: After a student meets with the DRC and accommodations are identified, the DRC will email the student's accommodation letters to instructors. Students are not responsible for identifying disabilities to instructors.