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Services for Students with Disabilities in Post Secondary Schools Information Sheet

The purpose of this information sheet is to provide assistance to students with disabilities and their parents regarding the procedures and requirements to access adaptations, modifications and/or support services in postsecondary schools.

Gather Information: Once your child has expressed a desire to proceed to postsecondary education, it is important to gather as much information ahead of time as possible. You can start gathering information by attending area workshops and information sessions prior to graduation. Watch for special flyers, newsletters from guidance, etc. It's never too early to begin this process.

Attend IEP Meetings: You and your child should attend IEP meetings and contribute your thoughts and concerns regarding post-secondary plans.

Utilize Career and College Search Tools: There are multiple resources for exploring careers, searching colleges and locating information about support services available in college. Contact your child's special education teacher or guidance counselor for more information.

Contact Post Secondary Institutions: Inquire regarding the type of documentation and the time frame within which it must be completed in order to receive support for documented disabilities. Most colleges have web sites where this information is published. It is always beneficial to have a face-to-face meeting with the institution prior to enrollment to get a feel for the types of services that are available.

If Testing is Needed:

Many post secondary schools require a recent (usually within 3 years) psycho-educational evaluation in order for a student to qualify for adaptations, modifications and/or support services. Post secondary schools vary in the type of evaluations and documentation they need to make eligibility determination. We recommend that you request a list of the assessments/documentation required from the postsecondary schools your child is considering. It is the responsibility of the student/family to secure the necessary documentation to help the postsecondary school determine eligibility for adaptations, modifications and/or support services.

Listed below are possible avenues for securing documentation:

- Contact your health care provider and inquire about having a psycho-educational evaluation provided through the mental health component of your insurance plan. Some preliminary discussions with several providers have included the coverage of these services under the mental health portion of the carrier's plan. Check with your provider regarding obtaining a list of professionals who may provide this service under your insurance plan.
- There are occasions when a disability may substantially interfere with employment. In such cases, there is a possibility that the student may qualify for services from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Call the Norristown Office at 484-250-4340.
- Obtain your own evaluation on a fee-for-service- basis by contacting a certified school psychologist. Testing services can range anywhere from \$500-\$1,000.

Assume Nothing! Your child has access to multiple opportunities to seek out the advice and support of professionals in Central Bucks School District that may provide assistance. Advise your child to stay tuned to school announcements and postings in and around the guidance office. Being proactive in this process could make a substantial difference in the successful transition of your child to a postsecondary school.



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Referral Sources for Psycho-Educational Evaluations

Please note that this list is meant to assist you in identifying possible referral sources. It is not meant to be an exhaustive list of services available in the area nor does it imply any relationship between these sources and Central Bucks School District.

John Davidson
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