

Dual Enrollment Disability Services Frequently Asked Questions:

Note: It would be helpful on the first day of the dual credit class if the teacher announces that if any students needs accommodations to have a discussion in private in order to maintain confidentiality.

1. Q: Is there a difference between high school and college accommodations?

A: Yes, there are different laws that high school and colleges have to abide by. High schools abide by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) which focuses on academic success. College abides by the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and the Rehab Act which focuses on equal access. NTC approves the college accommodations and the high school is responsible to provide the college accommodations. **Note:** Students with accommodations receiving college credit are held to the same course and grading standards as all other students.

2. Q: I am teaching a dual credit course at my high school and I have a student that receives high school accommodations. Would the student use these high school accommodations for this dual credit course?

A: No, in order for high school students to receive college credit for a course, students need to use approved college accommodations. High school accommodations can vary greatly from approved college accommodations.

3. Q: How do high school students request college accommodations?

A: The student should connect with NTC Disability Services (usually the special education case manager/counselor assists the student with this process) preferably before the start of the course to request college accommodations.

- **4. Q: How do I know if a high school student is approved for college accommodations?** A: By the student presenting a NTC Disability Services student accommodation card (please see attached). This accommodation card would identify the specific approved college accommodations.
- 5. Q: A student approaches a teacher stating that he/she has an accommodation of extended time for testing. Does that apply for assignments?
 A: No, extended time is an approved college accommodation for tests/quizzes only.

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6. Q: Can students use notes on a test/quiz as an accommodation?

A: No, using notes on a test/quiz is not an approved college accommodation. However, if the teacher allows all students to use notes, then it will be okay.

7. Q: How do I know if the accommodation card is current?

A: The semesters are outlined on the accommodation card. Example, Fall 2017-Summer 2018. If you receive an accommodation card that is not current/expired, the student will need to renew the accommodation card on the NTC DS website (www.ntc.edu/disability-services). Note: The color of the accommodation card changes at the start of each Fall semester.

8. Q: A student presented an accommodation card for testing accommodations to include extended time and testing in a reduced distraction area. The student took a test with accommodations and didn't pass. Is it okay to allow the student to re-test because they are a student receiving accommodations?

A: No, re-testing is not an approved college accommodation, however if the teacher allows all students to re-test then this is okay.

9. Q: A student presented an accommodation card which included extended time for tests/quizzes. The tests in my class are all timed. Is it okay to make the test/quiz untimed for this student?

A: No, this would be an unfair advantage for the student receiving accommodations as this is not a college approved accommodation. Accommodations are meant to provide equal access while maintaining course standards.

10. Q: Do I have to provide a different test for students with accommodations?

A: No, all students in the dual credit course take the same test.

11. Q: What if a student decides to use his/her high school accommodations only in this course?

A: If students use high school accommodations for a dual credit course, they would not receive college credit.

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