

The Ability Advisor

"Focusing on Student Abilities"



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Quote of the Month:

"All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent."

- John F. Kennedy

Transition to Post-Secondary Education

Many students wish to go on to post-secondary training or education. Each institution will have a Disability Services office that coordinates accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Its main purpose is to provide reasonable academic accommodations and to assure access to programs and activities that promote a supportive learning environment while enabling students to achieve their educational objectives.

Students and parents should be aware of how these services may vary from their high school experiences. The following chart identifies the primary differences in student rights and responsibilities between secondary and post-secondary education.

Secondary

Students' rights covered under IDEA
District responsible for providing evaluation
Evaluation - children scale (i.e., WISC)
District responsible for implementation of Individualized Education Plan
Individualized Education Plan (IEP) created by team approach
District must prove plan is appropriate
Curriculum can be fundamentally altered
Parents actively involved

Post-secondary

Students' rights covered under ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
Student responsible for submitting documentation
Evaluation - adult scale (i.e., WAIS-III)
Student responsible to self-disclose disability and request accommodations
No individual plan. Educational plan created by student and Disability Services staff
Student responsible to notify Disability Services if there are problems
Curriculum content cannot be altered
Parents have access to information only with student's consent

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Location
1/15/2010	RtI panel discussion	Stillwater OSU Student Union room 415
2/4/2010	Diabetes Training	McAlister, Kiamichi Technology Center
2/15/2010	Autism workshop	Norman, Moore-Norman Tech Center South Penn
2/26/2010	Austism workshop	Alva, Northwest Technology Center
3/3/2010	Counselor's Conference	Norman, Moore-Norman Tech Center South Penn

See Oklahoma State Department of Education website to register:

<http://sde.state.ok.us/Services/Conference/default.html>



Please know that we at Oklahoma Career Tech value the hard work and selfless efforts of all of you who work with our students. Sometimes it is easy to forget that the measure of success is not always tangible. This poem has always inspired me, and I would like to share this definition of success commonly attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson:

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is to have succeeded.

Here's to your success in 2010!

Please contact me with questions, comments, or concerns. I am anxious to meet many of you, and I'll look forward to your emails and phone calls.

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