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Memo of Understanding (MOU): High School vs. College Accommodations

Pitt Community College strives to provide access to educational opportunities for all students. The purpose of this MOU is to state and clarify for students and their families the applicability, availability, and differences in services for students with disabilities enrolled in secondary (high school) courses compared to post-secondary (college level) courses at Pitt Community College.

Services available for students with disabilities taking college coursework are substantially different from services in high school. Secondary education and post-secondary education function under distinctly separate laws. Students registered for high school classes will receive accommodations according to laws applying to high school classes, which is the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), while post-secondary education is covered under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Additionally, in order to request accommodations at the post-secondary level, students must self-disclose their disability to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS).

Accommodations are determined on an individual, case-by-case basis and are not retroactive. All students with disabilities seeking accommodations should contact the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS) as soon as possible. In order to receive accommodations, students must provide documentation identifying the nature, extent, and educational impact of the disability and provide a description of the course of treatment, medical side effects, and prognosis for the future. The documentation must come from a professional qualified to make the diagnosis and include the evaluator's name, address, telephone number and professional credentials relevant to the diagnosis. The documentation should be on professional letterhead, signed and dated, or on an OAS Disability Verification Form.

For additional details on documentation requirements, please refer to Accessibility Services on PCC's website at https://pittcc.edu/academics/student-development-services/accessibility-services/

I have received a copy of the *Difference Between High School and College Accommodations for Students with Disabilities*. I have read and understand the above information.

Student Signature (and Parent/Guardian Signature if under age 18) **Date**

OAS Staff **Date**