



Frequently Asked Questions for DSPS Transitional Students

1. How do I become a DSPS student?

Provide verification of disability (VOD) and make an intake appointment with a DSPS counselor.

2. What would constitute a Verification of Disability (VOD)?

Current documentation of a verified disability, including functional limitations in the educational setting. A licensed professional can complete IVC DSPS [Verification of Disability Form](#).

3. Is my IEP considered VOD?

An IEP is accepted; however, it is highly recommended to provide a comprehensive psycho-educational evaluation (Psycho-education, Multidisciplinary, Triennial Report)

4. Is my 504 Plan considered VOD?

Yes, only if your 504 Plan states your diagnosis.

5. Do I need to apply for DSPS services and accommodations?

Yes, information is not automatically provided by your school.

6. Can I receive the same accommodations as my IEP or 504 Plan?

An IEP and a 504 Plan are contract between you and the high school. Community colleges must abide by disability laws that govern higher education which are different from those that govern K-12.

7. How are accommodations approved?

DSPS services and accommodations are determined by the DSPS counselor/LD specialist through an interactive process. Disability documentation and educational limitations are essential to this process.

8. After my Intake appointment can I modify my accommodations?

Yes. To modify accommodations, schedule an appointment with a DSPS counselor to engage in an interactive process. Additional disability/medical documentation may be requested.

9. How do I maintain my DSPS Eligibility?

To maintain your DSPS eligibility, you will need to meet with a DSPS counselor at least once an academic year (each academic year starts at summer).

10. Will my professors know if I am a DSPS student?

No. To modify accommodations, schedule an appointment with a DSPS counselor to engage in an interactive process. Additional disability/medical documentation may be requested.

11. Can my parents talk to my professor?

Parents cannot discuss information with professors unless a [FERPA](#) consent has been signed for the specific date of communication. Contact the DSPS office if there are any concerns or if you need assistance with advocacy.

12. Can DSPS counselors assist with selecting classes?

DSPS counselors' primary focus is to approve and coordinate accommodations and services; however, they may assist you with class building a schedule and creating academic plans (MAP). DSPS Students can also schedule appointments with [general counselors](#).

13. Is there a deadline to join DSPS?

No, services may be requested at any time during the semester.