

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN  
SECONDARY EDUCATION  
AND  
HIGHER/COLLEGE EDUCATION**

**K-12**

- ◆ Governed by IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
- ◆ District identifies disability
- ◆ Free evaluation
- ◆ District plans Individual Education Plan
- ◆ District ensures that the IEP is implemented and goals are met
- ◆ Teacher advocates for student
- ◆ Fundamental alterations are allowed to the program of study, graduation requirements, and/or instructional methods
- ◆ Personal services provided
- ◆ Success (more of a right)
- ◆ Transportation to and from school

**HIGHER/COLLEGE EDUCATION**

- ◆ Governed by Title 5  
Privilege – not a right
- ◆ Student responsible for providing appropriate documentation that establishes current verification of disability and classroom limitations requiring accommodation
- ◆ Student's financial responsibility
- ◆ Student identifies own needs
- ◆ Student responsible for own goals and progress
- ◆ Student advocates for self
- ◆ Accommodations may NOT alter fundamental nature of degree applicable courses or degree requirements or instructional methods
- ◆ None – student's responsibility
- ◆ NO GUARANTEE
- ◆ None provided