

Services Available to Students with Disabilities

South Hills will make reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. A reasonable accommodation is a modification or adjustment to a program, service, or activity that provides a qualified student with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in the school's programs. These services include, but are not limited to additional time to complete exams, taking exams in a quiet non-distracting room, tutoring services, etc.

Student's requesting accommodations must meet with the Director of Education or Campus Director. Appropriate documentation from a licensed professional is required to certify that he/she has a disability and to determine reasonable accommodations. Physical disabilities should be verified by a medical doctor or licensed rehabilitation counselor. Learning, cognitive, and psychological disabilities should be verified by a psychological assessment from a licensed psychiatrist or psychologist.

Reasonable accommodations are individualized and determined on a case-by-case basis. It is a student's responsibility to ask for and make use of the accommodations. Each student is ultimately responsible for his or her academic success. Each student must take the initiative to use time, facilities, and support services in a productive manner.

The *Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973* prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. The school's ADA/Section 504 Coordinator is responsible for the school's overall efforts to comply with the ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Duties include, but are not limited to:

- Administering the school's ADA regulations.
- Reviewing documentation for requests for reasonable accommodations.
- Reviewing concerns and appeals of eligibility determinations and reasonable accommodation determinations for students in accordance with this regulation.
- Evaluating the school's decisions in accordance with applicable guidelines under the ADA and Section 504.

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