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What does SDS do?

- * Eliminate barriers that limit the range of opportunities for students with disabilities.
- * Implement reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.
- * Raise awareness around disability as an area of diversity.

Common categories of disability

- * ADD / ADHD
- * Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- * Blind / Low Vision
- * Deaf / Hard of Hearing
- * Psychological
- * Learning
- * Medical
- * Neurological
- * Physical / mobility
- * Speech / Communications Disorder
- * Temporary (e.g. injury or recovering from surgery)

How do students request accommodations?

- * Students register with SDS online through AIM:
<https://hunter.accessiblelearning.com/JHU/ApplicationStudent.aspx>
- * Submit documentation
- * Initial meeting to discuss accommodations
- * Students notify individual professors of their accommodations (at the start of each new semester)

How can instructors determine whether a student should receive accommodations?

- * Students send an accommodation letter detailing their approved accommodations.
- * The nature of the student's disability is kept confidential.
- * SDS is available to consult regarding implementation of accommodations.

How do Disability Services in high school differ from college?

Peabody

- * Students covered under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA/ADAAA) + Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
- * Students have the right to equal access to programs and services.
- * Post-secondary institutions are not required to provide special educational services, therapies or curriculum modifications that fundamentally alter the nature of the program or class.

High School

- * Students covered under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, 2004).
- * IDEA provides students with accommodations, educational services, therapies, and curriculum modifications.

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Additional Resources:

[Register with SDS](#)

[More info about SDS at Peabody](#)

[Transition to College: Strategic Planning to Ensure Success for Students with Learning Disabilities](#)

