Student Support Services in College Workshop

Thur<mark>sday, Ap</mark>ril **1, 202**4

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Since my child has been accepted to college, they will no longer need any extra help.

The IEP or 504 plan is a legal document when your child is in college.

Having a diagnosis means all high school accommodations will automatically roll over to college.

The colleges and universities will decide which accommodations are reasonable.

True

Your child's professors will know about their learning disabilities and testing accommodations without having to tell them.



The Guidance Department

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller



We will all work together to guide your family through this process!

Junior Year

- College Planning Workshop November 29, 2023
- Programming Planning Meetings for 12th Grade
- Individual Junior Planning Meetings- call to schedule
- Transcript review
- Discussion of key admissions factors (college search checklist)
- Letters of recommendation
- College essay and extracurricular activities
- College Night April 17, 2024 (7pm)
- College Admissions Tests (with accommodations) dates available in spring and fall
- College Essay Writing Workshop
- College Research Naviance and campus visits

COLLEGE SEARCH CHECKLIST Counselor: Characteristics Specific Preference Public or Private Location (see below) Size of College (undergraduate enrollment) Campus Setting (urban, suburban, rural) Major/Program of Study/Undecided ☐ Cost (tuition, fees, room & board) Student Activities Athletics (intercollegiate & intramural) Special Programs and Services, e.g. ROTC, learning disabilities, etc. On-Campus Housing Guaranteed Religious Affiliations (if any and services)

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PLEASE LIST ALL COLLEGES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN



College Entrance Exams

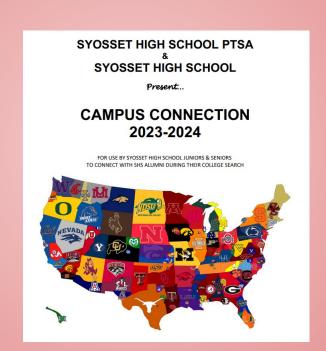
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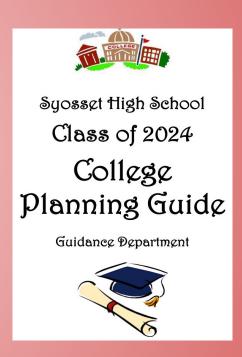
Useful Guidance Publications

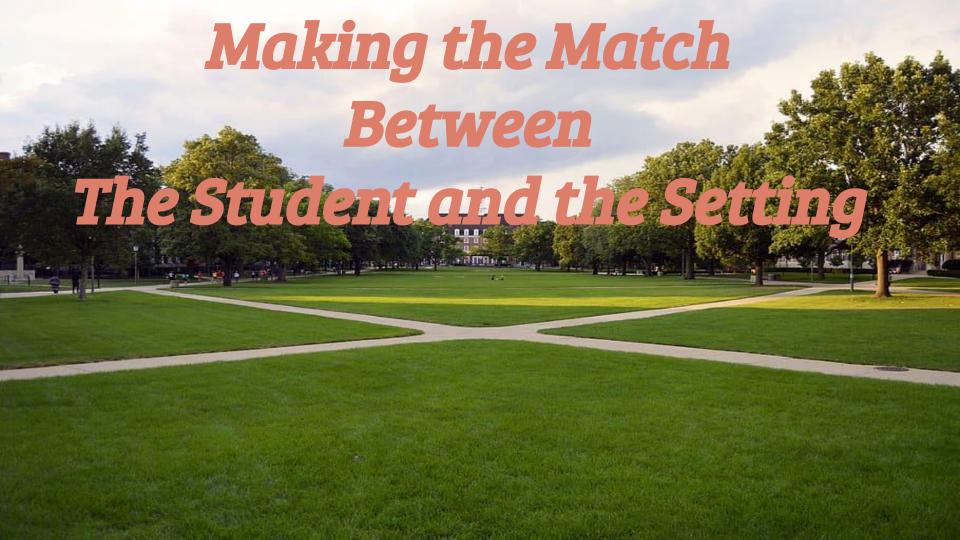


COLLEGE RESOURCES
FOR STUDENTS WITH
LEARNING DIFFERENCES

2023







Consider realistic work programs, college, or universities where you can actually see your child working and functioning independently

The questions that must be asked are....

- Will they succeed there?
- Are they ready for rigorous amounts of academic responsibilities?

What You Can Expect in College

- A decrease in teacher and student contact
- An increase in academic competition
- A change in personal support network
- A loss of the protective public school environment

Accommodations

- Accommodations are legally mandated by Section 504 to provide individuals with disabilities with <u>access</u> to programs.
 - Accommodations <u>do not</u> involve changes to academic requirements.

How to Select the Best School

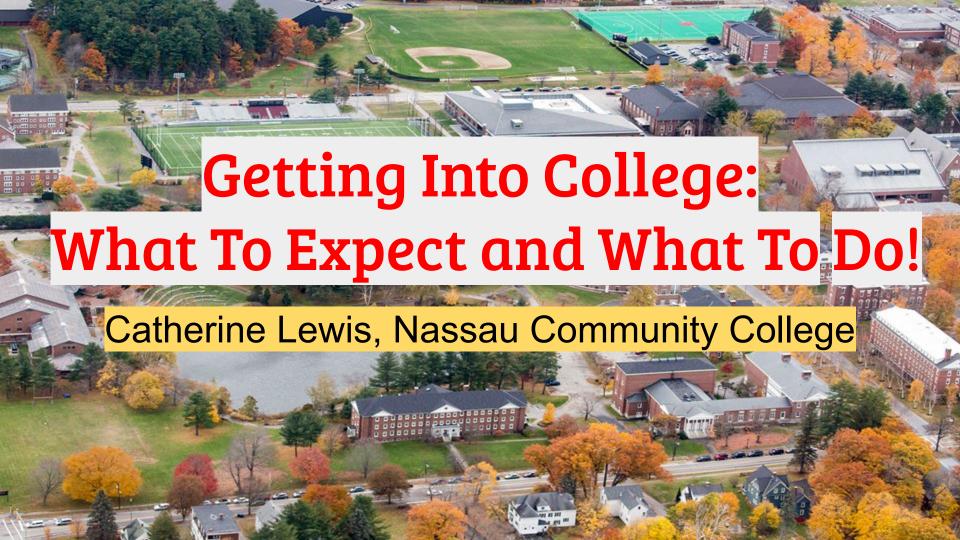
- Understand your children and their capabilities
- Visit the individual program offices either before or after applying
- Ask many questions
- Understand the information in your child's Psychoeducational Assessment, Education Evaluation, and current IEP or 504 plan

Considerations for Selecting a College for a Student with Disabilities

- 1. Are the programs and support services provided a good match for your child?
- 2. Is the learning environment appropriate in terms of class size, distance from home, other considerations?
- 3. Will your child grow and develop as a whole person?
- 4. What are your family's financial needs?
- 5. Will the college enable your child to achieve their goals after college?

Your Student: What to Think About

- Goals
- Interests
- Study Skills-Time Management Skills
- Social Skills
- Self-Advocacy Skills
- Motivation to Attend College
- Level of independence
- Coping Skills
- Strengths and Weaknesses



Admissions

- Apply with the common application or directly to school (same as every student)
- Inquiries about the applicant's disability are prohibited!
 - An applicant may voluntarily disclose this information to the college. The schools will not share this confidential information.
 - Student applies for accommodations after they commit to a school with a simple form and copy of testing



Participating Community Agencies

ACCES - VR Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

Contact: Marisa M. Higgins, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, ACCES-VR Garden City District Office Tel: (516) 227-6850, Text: (516) 789-2125, marisa.higgins@nysed.gov

- **CAP Client Assistance Program**
- ILC Independent Living Center
- OPWDD Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities

Congratulations and Good Luck!

We are here for you!

- Guidance Counselors
- Special Education Teachers
- General Education Teachers
- School Psychologists

