

**If you have a current IEP or 504 Plan, you will want to read this.**

High School students with special needs can receive reasonable accommodations when they get to Wartburg College. There are a few requirements to receive these accommodations but you can start preparing for them now.

First...Make an appointment to get your testing and evaluation updated from a certified professional.

An IEP or 504 Plan is not sufficient documentation at the college level. You will need current (not more than three years old) documentation supporting your disability. A diagnosis must be clearly stated in the documentation. The documentation requirements are outlined on the Pathways Disability Services website:

[www.wartburg.edu/pathways/disability.html](http://www.wartburg.edu/pathways/disability.html)

Second...Talk to your special education teacher or consultant about your current accommodations.

What has worked? What hasn't worked? This is a conversation that you will eventually have with Carla Coates to determine your accommodations at Wartburg. It is important that you are able to articulate your needs.

Third...Make an appointment to visit Carla Coates at Wartburg College.

She will be able to answer your questions and explain the accommodation process at Wartburg College. She can also review your current documentation to determine if you need to provide further information.

Fourth...Contact the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation in your area.

This federally funded program provides assistance to persons with disabilities including tuition assistance, supportive equipment or devices, career counseling, and more.

Fifth...Read the article *Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know your Rights and Responsibilities* which can be found at [www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html](http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/transition.html).

This is a MUST READ. It is published by the Office of Civil Rights through the Department of Education. It provides you with what to expect from disability services at the college level.

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