

# ***STUDENT DISABILITY SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?????***

## **FAQS:**

### **Where is the Student Disability Services (SDS) office located?**

The SDS office is located in the David Adamany Undergraduate Library, Suite 1600. You have to go through the 24 hour area computer lab to the set of double doors that house Student Disability Services (SDS), Academic Success Center (ASC), and University Advising Center UAC).

### **When do I need to apply for SDS?**

As soon as you know that you are admitted to the university, please call 313-577-1851 to schedule an appointment for an intake interview with an SDS Disability Specialist.

### **I applied to Wayne State University and want to know what services does your SDS offices provide and how would I receive those services?**

The main services that SDS provides are: Reasonable accommodations, Pre-enrollment consultation, Alternative testing, Alternative Media, Advocacy, Counseling, ASL Interpreters, CART Reporters, Accessible Parking, Information and Referral, Volunteer Note Takers, Exam/Study Rooms with Adaptive Equipment, etc.

A student should call and make an intake appointment to see a Disability Specialist. 313-577-1851.

### **What kind of documentation do I need in order to register with the SDS office?**

The documentation should be presented by your Health Care Provider, Physician, or Medical Professional, containing information that pertains to your disability/disabilities.

- Name and credentials of the evaluator.
- Where and when the student was seen and for what purposes.
- A summary of the diagnostic interview.
- A description of the methods of evaluation, e.g., tests performed, procedures used, etc.
- The result or findings of the evaluation, e.g., tests scores, or clinically significant observations of the evaluator.
- A specific ICD-9-CM or DSM-IV diagnosis.
- A description of the student's current level of functioning and any substantial physical, psychological, or emotional limitations associated with the impairment underlying the diagnosis.
- Any relevant history.
- Prognosis.
- Recommendations for accommodations.

It should be on their letterhead paper and we do request that a business card is attached if possible.

For more information, please go to the SDS website and look under “Student Handbook” for the Disability Guidelines, print a copy and present the information to your primary care provider to follow.

### **What role do my parents play in the process?**

If you are 18 years old or older you are legally recognized as an adult. You will be responsible for your own accommodation requests and disability related decisions. However, parents are a wonderful source of support and students are encouraged to have open communications with their parents or other significant family members.

### **How do I get disabled parking?**

You have to come into the SDS office and bring with you the following information:

- 1.) A copy of your official class schedule (from Pipeline.)
- 2.) Proof that you have an issued State of Michigan hanging tag or a license plate. SDS will need a copy of the hanging tag or a copy of your registration if you have a plate.
- 3.) WSU issued student identification (OneCard) with PID number.
- 4.) Payments may be made with: a personal check, money order, vouchers of a Visa or MasterCard, made payable to Wayne State University. This office does not accept cash.

If you have additional problems, please address them to Jon Frederick, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, [ah9818@wayne.edu](mailto:ah9818@wayne.edu) or 313-577-4348. Any other concerns may be addressed to Fran Marlowe, Program Specialist, Student Disability Services, 313-577-1851.

### **I think I have a Learning Disability; do you test for that in your office?**

Currently, we are not doing any Learning Disability or Psychological testing. A student may request a testing site handout sheet. If testing becomes available again, information will be sent out and posted on the web site.

### **I have a Learning Disability and had difficulty in High School and would like to waive the University requirements, how do you proceed?**

You would need to set up an appointment and discuss your situation with Interim Director, Jane DePriester-Morandini. 313-577-1851.

### **I have test anxiety can your office assist me?**

Yes, SDS can help assist with appropriate documentation by allowing for Alternative Testing, if applicable. Also, The Academic Success Center (313-577-3165) and Counseling and Psychological Services (313-577-3398) are also important resources.

### **I have a temporary disability and would like to know if I qualify for SDS?**

SDS does provide services to students who have a temporary disability on an as need basis even though temporary disabilities are not covered by the ADA and Section 504. Personal accommodations are not given such as transportation and attendants, etc. You

must register with the SDS and have proper documentation in order to receive accommodations.

**Who decides what accommodations I will receive in college?**

Accommodations are issued to you from the SDS office and are determined during your intake process with the SDS Disability Specialist. Accommodations are based on your disability needs without making any alterations to the curriculum.

**Will SDS provide services like helping me get around campus, pushing my wheelchair or helping me to get ready for the school day?**

No. When it comes to everyday daily living related services the responsibility is that of the individual. For example, if you need help dressing, washing, to be reminded to take medication, need assistance to get from place to place, etc., that is a personal service that someone needs in order to function on a daily basis, whether they are in college or not.