

Resources for Students with Disabilities



Students with Disabilities

[Protecting Students With Disabilities](#)

Students with disabilities often require additional support in their educational careers. In order to create an environment where all students can thrive, it is important to be aware of the resources that are available. Whether it's for students in preschool, primary school, or secondary school, there are resources available for all students.



Resources for Preschoolers Teachers

[Every Child Belongs: Welcoming a Child with a Disability | NAEYC](#)

For many children, preschool is the first time they are in a classroom and they may struggle with the new environment and routines. With some children having disabilities or developmental delays that impact their learning, social skills, or behavior. According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children, basic modifications in the classroom can help the children a lot.

- **Painting and Drawing:** Some children have a hard time painting or drawing on a tabletop because it involves using very small muscles in the hands and wrist which may not have developed yet. Teachers can set up easels that will allow the children bigger arm movements that use the shoulders, which may be easier.
- **Books:** Add board books to the collection, and use jumbo paperclips to regular book pages to make them easier for children to turn.
- **Environment:** Arranging the classroom in a way that the furnishings are set up in a way that allows students with visual or physical disabilities to move around the classroom. Having school supplies that are easy to reach.

- Routines: Having a routine can help provide a structure, adding props or pictures to the routine can help the children stay engaged and aid them in transitioning between different activities.
- Peers: Children who do not have disabilities can model positive prosocial and communication skills and everyday routines that young children with disabilities can imitate
- Noise: Managing noise plays an important role in the child's learning and behavior. Loud classrooms can be distracting and affect their ability to understand increasingly complex language. A way to help with this is to have sound-absorbing materials, such as carpets, wall hanging, heavy drapes, and chairs with tennis balls on the bottom, all help reduce classroom noise.
- Materials: Modifying classroom material can have an impact on independents. Pencil grips being added to crayons and markers to make them easier to hold can help children with motor difficulties. Gluing small parts to puzzles can make them easier to pick up. Furthermore, another important tool is to ask the parents what they might think can best help their children in the classroom.



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Mobility International USA (MIUSA)

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Mobility International USA empowers people with disabilities to achieve their human rights through international exchange and international exchange and international development.

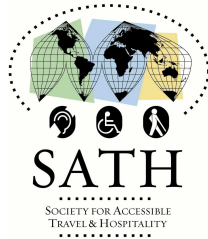
- Accessibility at U.S. Colleges and Universities [Resources for Students with Disabilities | EducationUSA](#)
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Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)

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The Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) is the leading professional membership association for individuals committed to equity for persons with disabilities in higher education.



The Society for Accessible Travel & Hospitality (SATH)

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SATH is an education nonprofit that works to raise awareness of the needs of all travelers with disabilities, remove physical and attitudinal barriers to free access and expand travel opportunities in the U.S. and abroad.

United States Government Support for Persons With Disabilities:

The United States is committed to advancing empowerment, dignity, and equal rights for persons with disabilities. This means that all people, in every country, deserve full and equal access to all spheres of society.

- U.S. Department of State: (2021) Fact Sheet: Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ([Promoting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities - United States Department of State](#))
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: EEOC and Enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act ([What You Should Know about the EEOC and Enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act](#))
- U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs: The Bureau offers people with disabilities tips to promote safe and accessible international Travel ([Traveling with Disabilities](#))
- U.S. Department of Education: Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities ([Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education](#))
- U.S. Department of Education: Auxiliary Aids and Services for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities ([Auxiliary Aids and Services for Postsecondary Students with Disabilities](#))

Understanding Your Legal Rights

Public colleges and universities in the U.S. are required by law to make reasonable accommodations to promote an accessible environment for students with disabilities.

Three Noteworthy Laws

- **Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA)** – Title II of the ADA covers state-funded schools such as universities, community colleges, and vocational schools. Title III of the ADA covers private colleges and vocational schools.
- **Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504)** – Schools receiving federal dollars regardless of whether it is private or public is also covered by the regulations of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act requiring schools to make their programs accessible to qualified students with disabilities.
- **Air Carrier Access Act of 1986** – The Air Carrier Access Act prohibits discrimination in air transportation by domestic and foreign carriers. Contact the Department of Transportation, Aviation Consumer Protection Division ([Traveling with a Disability | US Department of Transportation](#)) for questions about Air travel.

Resources for Students with ADHD/ADD

[College Resources For Students With Disabilities](#)



AccessSTEM

[AccessSTEM Team Application | DO-IT](#)

AccessSTEM provides students with disabilities access to an online community of peers and professionals to help them transition into college learning. The program is designed for learners interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

ADDITUDE

ADDitude

[ADDitude](#)

The website contains several current and archived articles with practical advice from adults with ADHD/ADD and parents of children with the disorder. The site also features the latest research from field professionals.



Attention Deficit Disorder Association

[Attention Deficit Disorder Association](#)

ADDA unites adults with ADHD/ADD for mutual support, socialization, and networking opportunities. The association offers educational workshops, workplace resources, and volunteer opportunities.



BestBuddies Friendship Program

[Best Buddies Friendship programs](#)

This organization connects students with disabilities to peers on campus or in the community for help adjusting to college life and enjoying leisure activities outside of school.

MOOC.org

Free Online Courses at MOOC.org

[MOOC.org](#)

The Center for Online Education ([Resources for Students with Disabilities | OnlineColleges.net](#)) recommends that students with disabilities try a free online course before enrolling in college. This gives an idea of what you'll need to be comfortable in the classroom, especially in remote scenarios.



National Center for Learning Disabilities: Making the transition from High School to College

[Making the Transition from High School to College for Students with Disabilities](#)

This guide illustrates the difference between high school and college accommodation for students with disabilities.



Peer Mentoring Program

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The disability support services office on your campus, like the one at the University of North Alabama, may be able to pair you with an upper-class student to provide assistance and support as needed. Check with your academic advisor to see if your school offers a peer mentoring program.



Peer Tutoring and Study Groups

[Peer Tutoring & Study Groups | ARC | Emmanuel College Boston](#)

Like this service at Emmanuel College, your school may offer the chance to engage in peer tutoring and study groups. These allow students with disabilities to receive one on one help with their academics while providing opportunities for socializing.

Resources & Support for College Students with Disabilities

[Resources for Students with Disabilities: Key Support for College Success](#)

When students transition from high school to college, it is challenging for every student, including students with disabilities. There are resources available for students with learning or physical disabilities. Colleges and universities continue to provide support services and resources, partially because of recent improvements in digital technologies, but also because the number of people with disabilities attending college has increased.



TotallyADD

[TotallyADD.com](#)

Individuals with ADHD/ADD or those living with someone with the disorder manage this site. Website visitors can explore various resources and purchase videos and books on living with ADHD/ADD.



Office for Civil Rights, “Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education”
[Students with Disabilities Preparing for Postsecondary Education](#)

This article provides a checklist for prospective college students with disabilities. It helps make sure you understand your rights and responsibilities as you prepare for college life.

Resources for Students With Autism



Autism.com

[Autism](#)

This directory provides educational resources and therapeutic support services for people with ASD. The website also contains useful information for parents and teachers of young children with autism.



Autism Now

[Autism Now](#)

The Arc maintains a directory of resources and services available in each state that addresses the social and educational needs of individuals with ASD. The Arc is the largest national organization serving people with ASD.



Autism Speaks

[Autism Speaks](#)

This organization serves the autism community by taking the lead in several advocacy initiatives to improve and increase the services and resources available to individuals with ASD, and their families and teachers.

Resources for Students With Cognitive Disabilities



American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

[AAIDD](#)

AAIDD advocates for progressive policies and inclusive practices for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This international organization supports continued research in the field to meet the social, educational, and professional needs of people with intellectual disabilities.



Coleman Institute for Cognitive Disabilities

[Coleman Institute](#)

Located at the University of Colorado, this institute integrates the most recent technological advances focused on improving the quality of life for individuals with intellectual disabilities in the educational, home, and social arenas.



Learning Disabilities Association of America

[Learning Disabilities Association of America](#)

LDA compiles the latest information, research, and resources concerning individuals with learning disabilities, their families, and the practitioners who work with the individuals.



Deaf or Hard of Hearing

[Resources for Students with Disabilities: Key Support for College Success](#)

According to the National Association of the Deaf, there are an estimated 308,648 deaf or hard of hearing who are between the ages of 5 and 17. Students with hearing impairments face a variety of challenges related to learning and communication in the classroom. Students with hearing disabilities range from hard of hearing to total deafness. Learners may face significant challenges with their communication inside and outside the classroom. In traditional classroom settings, hearing-impaired students can receive help from notetakers since it is difficult to spread and take notes simultaneously. Your school might be able to provide a sign language interpreter or a computer-assisted real-time writer. Schools may also have FM assistive learning systems that work well for learners with hearing aids or cochlear implants.



American Hearing Research Foundation

[American Hearing Research Foundation](#)

AHRF provides financial support for research focused on understanding and overcoming hearing impairment and balance disorders. The organization also promotes initiatives that educate the general population about the capabilities of hearing-impaired individuals and the support they need to reach their full potential and improve their quality of life.



American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

[ASHA](#)

ASHA publishes several journals on various topics relevant to hearing-impaired individuals, including a publication that focuses on language, speech, and hearing services in schools. The association offers certifications, participates in advocacy efforts, and conducts independent and collaborative research in the field.



Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA)

[Association of Late Deafened Adults - ALDA](#)

ALDA is dedicated to supporting and empowering deafened people. The site offers a support Network, an online community, and various resources for members and students.



Better Hearing Institute

[Hearing Industries Association](#)

This organization provides hearing-impaired individuals with the latest research and product innovations in hearing aids and other assistive-listening devices. BHI also advocates for patient safety and education. The institute supports various initiatives to influence public policy on improving academic and professional opportunities for hearing-impaired individuals.



Decibels Foundation

[Deaf Hard of Hearing Remote Learning Resources](#)

Dedicated to supporting children and students with hearing disabilities, this resource list includes links focused on social and emotional support, speech and language support, remote learning tips and best practices, and COVID-19 related information pertaining to facemasks and lip-reading. [INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSIBLE MASKS](#)



Live Transcribe

[Live Transcribe on the App Store](#)

This app helps deaf or hard-of-hearing students communicate with others. In any of 80 built-in languages, students get speech-to-text transcription in real-time. They can also respond to others using a text feature. The app also notifies users when someone says their name or any word the user adds to a frequently used words list.



Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

[Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing | Mass.gov](#)

Your state may have a dedicated organization to support its deaf and hard-of-hearing residents like this one in Massachusetts. It ensures you can connect with professionals outside of campus for any additional assistance. Your comparable organization may be listed under its health and humans services state government pages like these services in Texas ([Deaf and Hard of Hearing | Texas Health and Human Services](#))



National Deaf Center (NDC)

[National Deaf Center](#)

This organization supports members of the deaf and hard-of-hearing population, especially high school students preparing for college or professional careers. The site features hundreds of free resources, online classes, and community engagement opportunities.



Signly

[Signly](#)

Signly is a browser extension that makes websites and online content more accessible to students with hearing disabilities by illustrating text in sign language from



Sorenson Buzz

[Sorenson Video Relay](#)

This phone app helps students with hearing disabilities communicate face-to-face and remotely with those who don't know sign language.



Web Captioner

[Web Captioner](#)

This program works in your web browser and offers real-time transcription of what the program hears. There are over 40 languages and dialects included.

Resources for Students With Learning Disabilities



Council for Learning Disabilities

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An international organization, CLD works to improve the quality of life and enhance the educational and professional opportunities for individuals with learning disabilities. The council shares research findings and promotes the inclusion of evidence-based practice at all educational levels for students with learning disabilities.



Learning Disabilities Association of America

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LDA's website contains an extensive list of services and resources for individuals with learning disabilities from private nonprofits, government agencies, state offices, and professional organizations.



Learning Disabilities Worldwide

[Learning Disabilities Worldwide](#)

The organization's website contains information, research data, merchandise, and a directory of practitioners specializing in the learning disability field. College students can access articles on how to apply, choose, get into, and succeed in college.

Resources for Students With Physical Disabilities



American Association on Health & Disability

[American Association on Health and Disability](#)

AAHD strives to achieve health equity for children and adults with different types of disabilities through education, research, and advocacy work at the community, state, and federal levels.



Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

[Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund](#)

This organization addresses the prevailing societal discrimination against individuals with disabilities. DREDF works toward this goal through legal advocacy, dissemination of accurate and timely information, education, and legislative action.



National Organization on Disability

[National Organization on Disability](#)

Partnering with businesses across diverse industries, NOD works to eradicate workplace inequality, and to improve and increase the employment options of people with any type of disability.

Resources for Students With Speech Disorders



American Speech-Language-Hearing Association

[\(ASHA\)](#)

ASHA supports various advocacy initiatives that break down education, social, and occupational barriers for individuals with speech and language disorders. The organization's website includes information on Medicaid, private insurance, and Medicare issues related to speech and language disorders.



Center for Hearing and Communication

[Center for Hearing and Communication](#)

CHC serves individuals with speech and language disorders by providing free hearing screenings, various professional audiological services, and many educational support resources.



Dysphagia Research Society

[Dysphagia Research Society](#)

This society provides research, academic, and scientific support to the community of individuals with speech and language disorders and the different practitioners who work with them.

Resources for Students With Visual Disabilities



American Council of the Blind

[American Council of the Blind](#)

A national organization governed by blind and visually impaired individuals, ACB supports privately and federally funded programs and initiatives that help people with visual disabilities to live independent, productive, and secure lives.



American Foundation for the Blind

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AFB supports research and advocacy activities that expand the educational and professional opportunities of individuals with visual disabilities. The organization also supports programs for individuals who are losing their vision due to aging.



FamilyConnect

[FamilyConnect](#)

The organization mainly supports the parents and families of young children diagnosed with cortical visual impairment. The website includes a directory of practitioners who specialize in this field, various educational resources, and reviews of laws and regulations impacting visually impaired individuals.

Additional Resources

[Resources for Students with Disabilities | EducationUSA](#)

[Position Statement: Educating PreK-12 Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

[College Resources For Students With Disabilities](#)