High School and College differences for the student with a Disability

High School	College
Considered "eligible for special education services" You may receive services, accommodations, modifications without being diagnosed as having a "disability"	Evaluated for being a "qualified person with a disability" You receive accommodations based on a qualified disability relative to how it effects you in the academic environment
High school decides if you need to receive services. Assessments are given to identify, evaluate and plan educational services at no expense to parent or student.	Documentation provided from a licensed professional (who can speak to the disability) is reviewed by trained staff to determine accommodations. Students must self-identify and obtain necessary documentation to support the disability and present it to the College. The student, not the institution assumes the cost of evaluations.
Student "success" is the goal Accommodations are provided to help you succeed.	Student "access" is the goal Accommodations are given to provide access. Success or failure is up to you.
High School 'team' monitors behaviors and progress typically through the IEP and 'staffings'	Though Disability Support Services will help advocate and provide accommodations, the student is considered an adult and is responsible to monitor own behavior and progress.
Parental involvement is expected and supported.	Parental involvement is granted with the student's permission.
Advocacy is provided.	Self advocacy is expected and supported.
IDEA & FAPE (Right to a free and appropriate education) as well as 504 (Ensures that no otherwise qualified disabled individual is subjected to discrimination in a program or activity by a public institution)	Section E of 504 and the ADA (Ensures that no otherwise qualified disabled individual will be denied access to, or the benefits of, or be discriminated against by any program or activity by a public institution)
Modifications exist to change curricula	Accommodations must not interfere with the integrity of the class, nor is a college required to alter requirements based on disability
Provides one-on-one aides or assistance if needed. This may be personal (lifting, moving, transportation etc)	Provide academic assistant within the class, however, Colleges are not responsible for personal assistants.
Tutoring is provided through special education	Tutoring is not a legal accommodation simply based on your disability, although most Colleges provide tutoring assistance to <i>all</i> students.