

DISABILITY SUPPORT RESOURCES

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The mission of Disability Support Resources (DSR) is to provide support resources and accommodations that enhance the environment for persons with disabilities and help educate the university community on disability issues in an effort to foster a more inclusive and equitable campus.

Accessible Transportation Service

DSR provides van service for individuals with disabilities. Utilizing this service requires notification to DSR at least 24 hours prior. Availability is based on class schedule and the number of existing riders. Available on the Allendale campus only for faculty, staff, and students for long-term or short-term transportation.

Advising Assistance

Program advisors collaborate with students, staff, and faculty to identify innovative approaches and resources that support a diverse range of abilities and opportunities while maintaining compliance with the American's with Disabilities Act.

DSR program advisors assist participants through scheduling and some course selection. Advisors may make recommendations and referrals to other departments for more comprehensive resources.

Alternative Format Textbooks

Students with print disabilities may be eligible to receive electronic copies of books for use with assistive technology. Students are required to purchase or rent books to use this service.

Alternative Testing

Participants who qualify for alternative testing are encouraged to work directly with instructors to arrange testing accommodations. DSR provides testing space when instructors are unable to provide the accommodation.

Assistive Technology

Software and devices, such as text reading systems, screen readers, and screen magnifiers, are available on workstations in computer labs and libraries to support learning. The assistive technology coordinator meets individually with participants to help discover supportive apps for their own devices.

Campus Links

DSR provides a two-tier peer mentoring program that strives to provide support for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) while they acclimate to the university environment.

Campus Links Red (residential program) and **Campus Links Blue** (non-residential program) provides support for students to be independent learners, while building on their social development skills for personal and academic success.

Career Exploration and Development

DSR assist students with career exploration skills, including internship experience and employment opportunities for professional development.

Documentation for Professors

DSR will provide eligible participants with a memorandum, which informs faculty that the student has a disability and lists the accommodations needed. It is the student's responsibility to deliver this memorandum to their professors during office hours to activate the accommodations. Accommodations are not retroactive.

Learning and Study Skills

DSR provides students with strategies for success for individual learning and study skills assessment. Students gain insight into learning styles and new approaches for academic achievement.

Note-taking Assistance

Having access to quality notes is, for most students, integral to the learning process. Students collaborate with their professors to identify a note-taker, or they may find their preferred note-taker within their classrooms. If a note-taker is not secured, DSR can assist with the process.

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