



**Access and Disability
Services
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Access and Disability Services (ADS)

The mission of Access and Disability Services at McHenry County College is to provide equal access to post-secondary education for students with disabilities and other special needs, so that they have the same opportunities as other students to succeed in college

Our focus is ability – not disability. Student success is our goal

ADS provides academic accommodations and supports to qualified students with disabilities in accordance with Title II of the Americans and Disabilities Act-Amended (ADAA – 2008) and Section 504 of the Vocational Rehabilitation

Disability Law – IDEA and 504/ADA

- IDEA applies to K-12
- Provision of services to ensure FAPE (IEP or 504 plan)
- 504 applies to both K-12 and post-secondary
- No more IEPs, only 504 plans
- “Leveling the Playing Field” by providing access

Success vs. Access

- **Accommodations (access)**
 - remove barriers to “level the playing field”
 - Legally required

- **Services (Success)**
 - Things like tutoring and coaching to help students succeed
 - **NOT** legally required

Equality is not always Justice



This is EQUALITY



This is JUSTICE

Accommodations

- **Testing accommodations**
- **Note takers/Recording lectures**
- **Assistive Technology**
- **Preferential seating/specialized furniture**
- **Accessible materials –audio, braille**
- **Sign language interpreters -- captionists**
- **Reduced course load**

ADS Students

- **MCC Students with disabilities**
- **CTE Underrepresented Pops. (Perkins V)**
 - **Single Parents, Out of Workforce, Homeless, Foster Care, Kids of Active Duty, Low Income, ELL, Non-traditional**
- **Transition Students with disabilities**
- **Dual Credit Students with disabilities**
- **Continuing Education/Workforce students with disabilities**
- **Adult Education – GED, ESL, mediation, traffic, etc. students with disabilities**

Some Numbers

Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	% change Over 4 yrs.	% change over 8 yrs.
Autism Spectrum Disorder	60	68	70	83	27.7	74.6
Psychological Disorders	79	113	136	150	47.3	N/A
LD/ADHD	370	342	386	386	4.1	(25.2)
ADS Total	620	636	706	749	17.2	28.6

Beyond ADA - Student Success

- **Content Area Tutoring**
- **Academic Coaching/Executive Functioning Tutoring**
- **Collaborate with parents, case managers, H.S. Special Education Staff**
- **Summer Orientation Meeting**
- **Advocacy – BIT, Student Conduct, Advising, Career Services, Professional/post-MCC exams**
- **Advising/Referrals/Transition Planning**
- **Student Organization – Autism Awareness Club**

Support for Faculty and Staff

- **Regular Accommodations Notices (e-mail)**
- **Student letters to instructors**
- **Professional Development Opportunities**
- **Division/Department Meetings**
- **Consultations – e-mail, phone, meetings**
 - **With or without students, parents, case managers**
- **Classroom observations/site visits**

Community Partners

- **Department of Rehabilitative Services**
- **Center for Independent Living of Lake County**
- **Thresholds, Pioneer Center, Home of the Sparrow**
- **Association of Higher Education and Disability
AHEAD – (ILLOWA, WI-AHEAD)**
- **ICCB - Autism Training and Technical Assistance
Project; Forum on Excellence; Special Pops. grants**
- **NIU – Rehabilitation Counselling Program**
- **Mental Health Board**