**Rights and Supports Provided through Laws**

**IDEA**

**American Disabilities Act: ADA**

**Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act**

Applies to students who go to college.

Applies to people birth – 12th grade up to 22 years old.

Must be directly related to a medical disability.

A college board has to decide if someone is a qualified individual by looking at documentation from a licensed professional.

Applies to all local and state government agencies including colleges and universities.

Covers all areas of the school experience including parent communication, testing accommodations, content modifications, assistive technology, IEPs, behavior issues, and settling disputes.

Cannot put the employer in a situation that causes undue hardship.

It makes sure that all students receive a fair and appropriate education.

Requires colleges to have support available to students with disabilities through an office of Disabilities Support Services or a 504 Coordinator.

School teachers and administrators are responsible for keeping all paper work up to date, scheduling meetings, and providing accommodations and modifications.

Accommodations include providing readers or interpreters, changing schedules or work spaces, and giving support during training.

Typically, colleges do not have to create modifications to the content of their classes.

Accommodations cannot cause job production to go down or lower the quality of the product.

Accommodations include priority registration, extended time on tests, readers, testing in a room with limited distractions, interpreters, textbooks in an alternate format, and sometimes course substitutions.