# Laredo Community College SPECIAL SERVICES CENTER

Orientation

#### **Disability Services**

- Provide equal opportunity for participation of disabled persons in all areas of college life
- Provide reasonable accommodations so students with disabilities have equal access to the regular academic program

#### Eligibility

- Must have an impairment which substantially limits a major life activity
  - Learning disabilities
  - Physical disabilities
  - Psychological disabilities

#### **Documents Required**

- Fill out application
- Diagnostic information (current 3 years)
  - Diagnostic report/evaluation from school district
  - Evaluation from medical provider
  - Evaluation from social service agency
    - (e.g. DARS, MHMR, TCB, etc.)

## Some examples of academic aid and services:

- Readers
- Note-Takers
- Sign Language Interpreters
- Advising and Registration
- Classroom/Testing Accommodation
- Recording devices
- Audio books
- Extended time for testing
- School computers equipped with screenreading or voice recognition

LCC reserves the right to select the specific aid or service it provides, as long as it is effective.

If accommodations aren't working, let special services know as soon as possible in order to make new modifications that will lead to success.

#### Student Responsibilities

- Be a self-advocate
- Be aware and knowledgeable about disability
- Be aware of personal and academic strengths and weaknesses
- Be aware of how learn best

#### Student Responsibilities (cont.)

- Know and follow procedures set at LCC
- Request and design own accommodations
- Request accommodations as early as possible
- Make needs known in advance
- Must self-identify yourself
- Must disclose disability to receive services
- Must meet admissions criteria
- Must meet grade and academic requirements

#### **Student Rights**

- FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
- Records are confidential
- Have right to access educational records
- Consent to release to 3<sup>rd</sup> party
- Do not have to disclose disability unless want to receive services

The federal law does not require the admission or graduation of a student because of their disability

The federal law requires nondiscrimination and accommodation

Laredo Community College is here to give students the opportunity to succeed.

Find your Future at LCC!

### Department Webpage

www.laredo.edu/specialservices

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