

Purpose of this Handbook

This handbook only highlights College policies, procedures, and practices. It is provided generally for students' personal knowledge and information. It cannot be construed as a legal document or contract, nor does it supersede applicable federal, state or local laws or other College policies. Nothing in this handbook should be construed as legal advice or a legal opinion.

The ODS Mission & Goals

The mission of the Office of Disability Services (ODS) is to work in partnership with the greater College community to facilitate equal access for students with disabilities to the educational programs, services and activities of Parkland College in accordance with federal law.

Our goals are:

- to help students determine, access, and use academic accommodations;
- to equip students having disabilities with the technical resources that help them reach their educational goals;
- to foster an environment that encourages personal and academic growth and facilitates independence;
- to help students understand their abilities and needs, as well as the resources available to them; and
- to be an educational resource on disabilities concerns for our students, faculty, staff, and community.

ODS does not:

- Perform psycho-educational diagnostic assessments
- Ask faculty to compromise the quality of instruction or evaluation, or to sacrifice academic standards.
- Provide transportation to and from classes.
- Provide students with disabilities with personal devices or personal aids including wheelchairs, eyeglasses, hearing aids, transportation, personal assistance with eating, dressing, or toileting, readers, scribes or typists for personal study.