

Meet the Teacher

It is important for all students to be self-advocates, especially dyslexic students! One of the best ways to do this is to have students meet their teachers, personally and privately.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - Parent lead meeting (student should be present and encouraged to talk)

HIGH SCHOOL – Student lead meeting (parents should be present to provide backup if needed)

By 11th and 12th grade the student should be able to conduct the meetings alone, with parent support at home. (The Goal!)

STUDENTS WANT TO KNOW, “DO I HAVE TO?”

ADVANTAGES TO CONSIDER:

- The teacher will have a face to associate with the accommodation plan.
- You can make an impression on the teacher about WHO you are.
- It will allow a teacher to be sensitive to your struggles from the beginning.
- Your questions will be answered about procedures.
- Other questions you have will be answered in private, rather than in front of peers.
- Your teacher will see you as more than “a kid who struggles with reading or writing, a dyslexic kid.”

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IN A MEETING?

- Introduce yourself
- Tell the teacher about your strengths and activities
- Tell the teacher about your weaknesses
- Have your accommodations in hand; discuss each one
- Work out plans/procedures

WAYS TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF

- The best way is a personal meeting (the few days before school starts or the 1st or 2nd day of school).
- Make an information page to give teachers the first day of class.
- Make a video or power point and email them (see this example online).
<http://www.authorstream.com/Presentation/thetruecrew-1405072-anthony-powerpoint-ii/>

**FOR JUNIOR AND SENIORS STUDENTS: ACT/SAT
ACCOMMODATIONS**

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Mayton, MHS 254-761-5650 ext. 2046

- Obtain consent form from Mrs. Mayton's office (MHS)
- Return signed consent form to her office
- Plan ahead! Accommodations take up to 7 weeks to be processed by ACT/SAT
- Provide Mrs. Mayton with any documentation you have related to accommodations
- To obtain accommodations for the ACT, a student must be registered for a test, and the test date must be provided to Mrs. Mayton