

# Student Accommodations & Resources (StAR)

## Disability Services

The StAR department is the designated office that supports students with documented disabilities at Joliet Junior College. The Americans Disability Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act qualify disabilities as follows:

**(1) physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities; such as walking, standing, seeing, speaking, hearing, sitting, breathing, reading, learning, thinking, performing manual tasks, taking care of oneself.**

**(2) Has a record of such impairment or is regarded as having such impairment.**

The 1<sup>st</sup> step towards receiving accommodations from StAR is to contact the StAR Office and determine if you have the needed documentation to support your disability.

**Learning Disabilities & Cognitive Disabilities:** Psychological testing (IQ & Achievement) with a description of how information processing is affected, and an IEP from the senior year of high school. (Achievement test should be dated within the past 4 years of application to STAR.) Please see our web site for further information at [www.jjc.edu/info/star](http://www.jjc.edu/info/star).

**Physical, psychiatric, ADD/ADHD, auditory, visual, Aspergers/autism:** Physician's must complete JJC forms found on the web site shown below and listed under the link for "documentation". Students should also bring their IEP from their senior year in high school.

2<sup>nd</sup>: after documentation is in order the student should contact the StAR Office and request an **Intake/Advising appointment**. StAR will help you select your classes prior to group registration.

**NOTE:** If a student has **documented dyslexia** it is possible to take an alternative placement test which is read to the student. Under these circumstances the COMPASS test is replaced by the ASSET test for the writing and reading portion. The student would still take the COMPASS math portion. On the Asset test, students take a paper and pencil test which is read to the student via a tape recorder. Both the COMPASS test and ASSET test are untimed. Call StAR if you think you qualify for the ASSET test.

**For more information about the StAR Program go to: [www.jjc.edu/info/star](http://www.jjc.edu/info/star)**

- **StAR Office: J-2025 ~ StAR Resource Room: J-2009**
- **Office Phone: 815-729-9020 X2230 ~ Resource Room: 815-280-2613**
- **Fax: 815-280-2820**

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## Visit or Call StAR Today!

The StAR Program services three populations of students: (1) Students with disabilities, (2) students who are majoring in a Career & Technical Program (A.A.S. degree), (3) students who are not native speakers of English.

The other side of this sheet discusses in depth how students with disabilities can apply for accommodations under ADA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. This page will discuss students with Career & Technical Education majors or students who are learning English for Academic Purposes can seek help when they experience academic difficulty in their classes.

### CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MAJORS (THOSE SEEKING AN A.A.S. DEGREE)

Any student with a Career and Technical major who is experiencing academic difficulties (average of C- or lower in a class) may apply to the StAR Program for support. This support would consist of extended test time and tutoring through the StAR Program. Please contact the StAR Office in J-2025, 815-729-9020 ext 2230 for an Intake Interview to begin the process.

### Students Learning English for Academic Purposes (EAP or ESL)

Those students for whom English is not their native language may apply to the StAR Program for support. This support could consist of an English translation dictionary, extended test time, or the use of a tape recorder in class in addition to tutoring and the use of assistive technology designed to assist students learning to read English. These accommodations must be approved by each instructor, every semester. Please contact the StAR Office in J-2025, 815-729-9020 ext 2230 for an Intake Interview to begin the process.

#### StAR Office Hours

M – F: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

#### StAR Resource Room Hours\*

M - W: 8:30 am – 6:00 pm

Th/F: 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

*\*Summer Hours vary, please call to inquire.*