

This note is intended for parents, caregivers, guardians, and advocates of students with disabilities who are entering college for the first time.

## Supporting Students

Navigating a new institution and new systems can be challenging and you are welcome to be involved in helping your student get started. Students can attend their meetings with a support person, parent, or advocate if they choose. Further communication with either of these parties

When a student registers with Accessibility Services, they are assigned an help students with disabilities navigate all aspect of student life, including co-developing an

any time for questions or help. This means that you, as a parent/guardian/advocate, can step-back knowing that your student will be well supported during their time at Okanagan College.



For parents/advocates to have access to student information, the student will need to

The 3<sup>rd</sup> party consent form needs to be completed and signed by the student.

The student can visit or email Accessibility Services to obtain the consent form.



## **Sudent Independence**

We also recognize that College is a time to build independence and we encourage students to practice self-advocacy skills as early as possible. The following suggestions will give a great starting point for new students:

Suggest they write a letter to their Accessibility Services Coordinator introducing