THE REGENTS CENTER FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES and accommodations testing

The laws of the State of Georgia require specially defined testing be done by psychologists with specific training before any educational accommodations are granted. If a student completes this specific test battery then they are legally allowed to have the recommended accommodations. These accommodations might include 1 ½ to 2 times as long on tests, taking the GRE untimed, taking tests in the quiet of the testing center, designated note-takers in class, early registration, and sometimes special devices that help with note taking. If they find you have learning disabilities in foreign language or math you may be allowed to take alternative courses. By getting accommodations the playing field is leveled with for you and you will be more likely to hold on to your HOPE scholarship. That would be worth much more than the $500 you spent for testing. Losing the HOPE could mean you having to work more hours while in school to make up for it. Testing will also help you know better where your strengths are and give you ideas about how to learn most easily. It could help you match your abilities with a career. It could help you avoid pursuing a major that ill suits your abilities.

The Regents Center for Learning Disabilities ( **706-542-4589** ) is in Athens at UGA. It covers students from GCSU. The Ga State and Ga. Southern centers cover other parts of the state. Testing is a flat fee of $500. Very rarely some students qualify for a scholarship that comes from limited private donations. Testing is done on Monday and Tuesday, or Wednesday and Thursday. Each day is 6 hours long. The center can only test four students a week. They are usually backed up three months because of this. There is a follow up visit after results come back and you are given several copies of the test results and a copy is sent to David Anderson at Disabilities services at GCSU. David Anderson then looks at the results and determines the recommended accommodations.

Go to <http://www.RCLD.ga.edu> to get the packet. You will need to complete all the forms and submit payment. Only then, will they schedule an appointment for testing. You don’t need anything from me to do this.

While they have a list of private psychologists in the Athens area who can look to make sure they can meet all the qualifying criteria and are able to administer the proper test. If they can do the proper testing, the cost to do the testing privately might be around 2 to 3,000 dollars.

Under certain unusual specific circumstances, temporary accommodations might be requested of David Anderson.

If you have had an Individual Educational Program in high school or had psychoeducational testing done previously, provide me written copies. 1.**With these copies** and 2. **with a letter from the Regents Center** **indicating the day of your testing**, I will **consider** writing a request to the Disabilities Services for temporary accommodations to run **from the day I complete the letter up to the day of the Regents** **testing.** Otherwise, you will need to wait until your Regents testing is completed. This temporary accommodation grant is not to be used to avoid having the testing.