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MEMORANDUM

TO: Admissions and Records
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DSPS

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SUBJ: District Requirements for Graduation – Accommodations

Dear Colleagues,

Students with a disability-related limitation may file a Petition for Modification of Major (Graduation Requirements) to request an accommodation from the Exercise Science Activity/District General Education requirement.

Previously, students were required to participate in Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) to be eligible. That requirement is being waived. Students now need only submit appropriate documentation demonstrating that they require an accommodation from the Exercise Science GE requirement.

The JIRA Modification of Major requirements has been updated to reflect this change:

Current	New
Purpose of Petition *	Purpose of Petition *
○ Substitution	○ Substitution
○ DSPS Waiver as an Academic Accommodation	○ Academic Accommodation Based on a Disability
○ Recency	○ Recency

All requests will continue to be reviewed by at least one DSPS Counselor and/or Section 504 Officer, and final decisions will be made by the appropriate campus committee, department, or office.

DSPS students are still encouraged to work with their DSPS counselor when submitting the modification of major. Students not participating in DSPS should submit appropriate documentation, such as a doctor's note, demonstrating that they are unable to enroll in an activity course that meets the Exercise Science Activity requirement.

This change is effective immediately. Please note that we are in the process of updating AP 5140 to reflect the new policy, but to serve our students' needs best, we will review these on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

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