

A HOMESCHOOLER'S GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE SAT, ACT, AND COLLEGE

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A WORD

Why Disability?

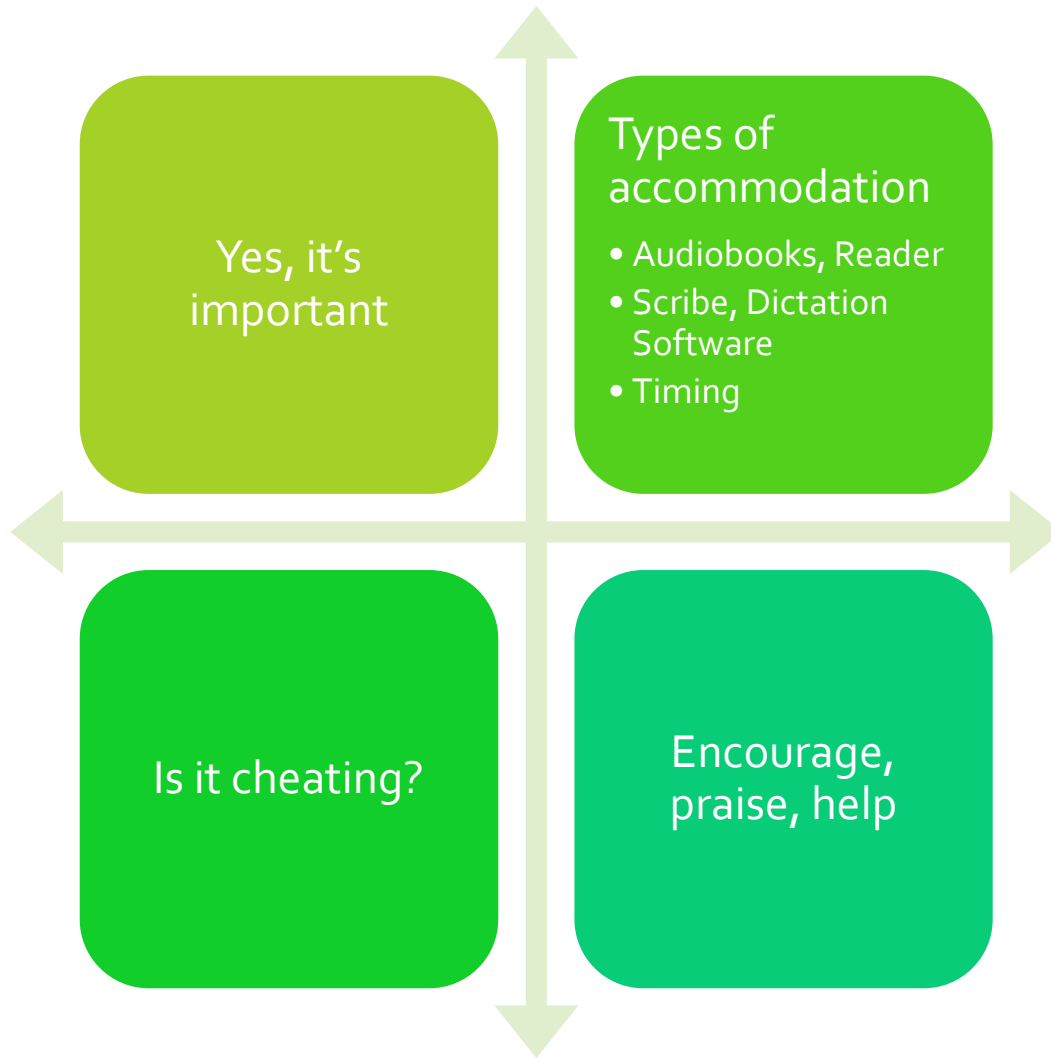
DO THEY REALLY NEED THEM?

- What Happens as They Mature?
- Coping Pretty Well at Home
- Labels
- Limiting Options vs Opening Doors
- A C Student with an A Brain

TESTING

- Educational Psychologist
- HSLDA can Help
- Mention Previous Testing
- Must Include IQ and Achievement
- Timing





ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOME

EXTRACURRICULARS/OUTSIDE CLASSES

- Private heads-up, then request accommodations
- Make it easy for them – offer to help
- Essential to get academic recommendations
- Don't fear!
- Think through extracurriculars – nametags, registration, reading, writing?
- Recommendation letters should give examples

EDUCATIONAL PLAN

- What do they mean IEP or 504 and how do you get one?
- Why do you need it?
- What is included?
 - Identification
 - Diagnosis
 - Testing
 - Accommodations
- Why you have to think past homeschooling!

SAT & ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

Importance for
Homeschoolers

Test-Optional
Colleges, But

Getting Better –
The Xiggi Method

Getting Better –
Apps

Why
Accommodations?

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

SAT AND ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

- You're the teacher, the guidance counselor.
- You'll Need
 - The correct form requesting accommodations.
 - Up-to-date testing by an educational psychologist.
 - An educational plan showing accommodations.
 - For the ACT, signature of nearby school's testing coordinator
- Work with the school's guidance counselor
 - Pray for Patience!
- HSLDA members can get help with this from Struggling Learners Coordinators

SAT VS ACT

SAT

- More like an aptitude test
- Primarily deal with SAT officials
- Generally more accommodations
- Once approved, applies for all
- Gets the nod

ACT

- More like an achievement test
- Primarily deal with school officials
- Generally less generous
- Apply separately each test date
- Why bother?

POSSIBLE SAT & ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

- Extended time: 50%, 100%
- Computer input instead of writing
- Use of a scribe
- Large print
- Reader
- Accommodating physical needs
- Smaller group, more breaks (coach them to accept!)
- May test on different day. Call in advance!

What if school
won't help?

- Contact school board
- Contact test agency's office for "Services for Students with Disabilities"
- Or try another school

Communication
is Essential

- *Assume* balls will be dropped
- Be polite but persistent (ADA)

SAT AND ACT ACCOMMODATIONS

TRANSCRIPTS

- Short and sweet: one page, front only
- Your administrator signs it
- Organize chronologically or by subject
- Grades are your decision
 - Don't be harsher than others
 - Base on tests, daily work, lab reports, presentations, discussion, or whatever best shows your student's knowledge!

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- Dictating, scribes for applications, essays
- To reveal or not?
- Scholarship deadlines are earlier
- Expect it to take way more time than you think – more and longer

AFTER ACCEPTANCE

BEFORE THE DECISION

- College visit
- Contact Disability Support Services
- Be professional
- Bring data
- Don't be antagonistic
- Ask questions



Private testing



Extended time on assignments and testing



Scribe (limited) or computer



Audiobooks



Tutors



Spelling aids



Ungraded grammar and spelling



Student to take notes for you

KINDS OF ACCOMMODATIONS AT COLLEGE

AT COLLEGE

Develop

Develop relationships

- Disability Services
- Professors

Ask about

Professors

- Online
- Disability Services

Drop/Add

BEFORE Drop/Add Date

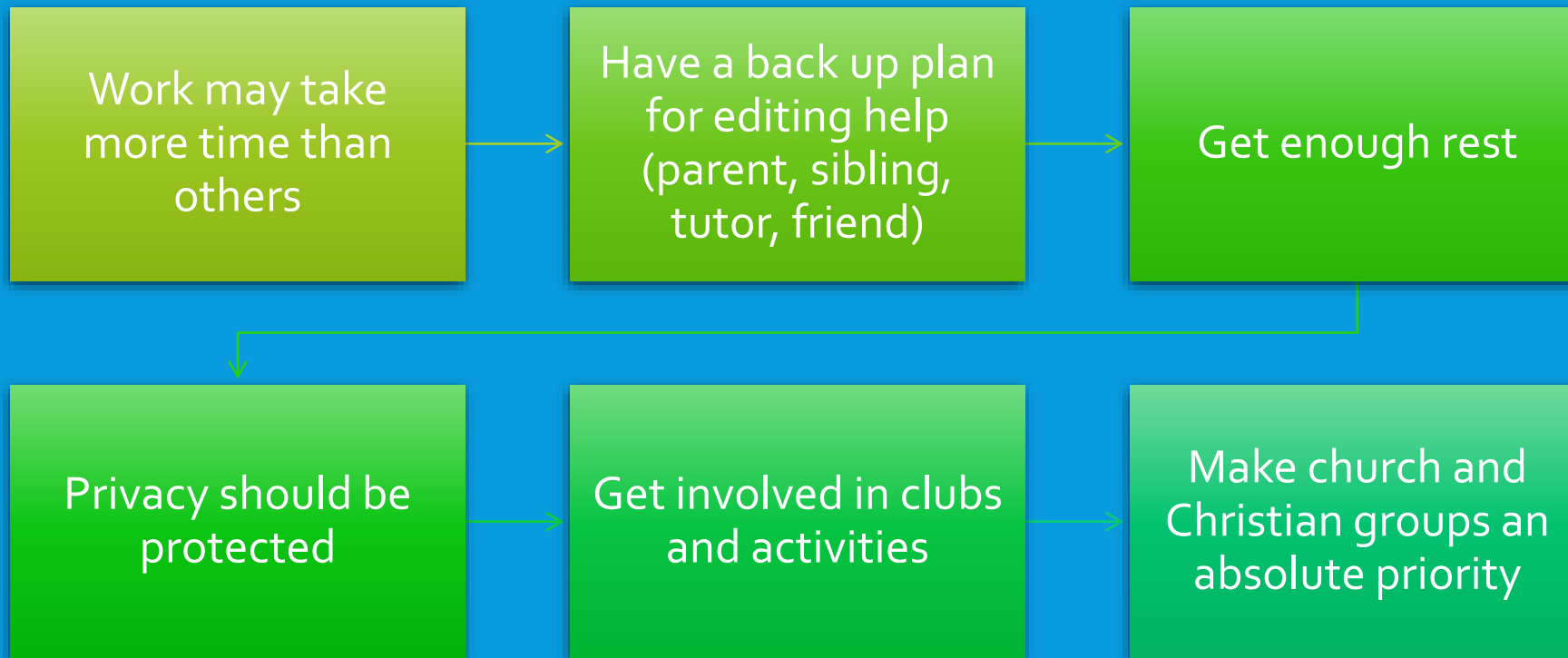
- Talk to professor about accommodations
- Emphasize desire to learn and participate
- Talk to Disability Services
- Be proactive

WHEN YOU GET
THERE

PROBLEM PROFESSORS

- It happens
- Change sections if you can
- Ask Disability Services for help
- Rely on Resources
 - SI
 - Tutors
 - Office Hours
- Endure and Accept ... or Get Permission to Drop

DAY TO DAY LIFE



SUCCESS IN COLLEGE

It's Doable!

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HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

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Accommodations on the
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Accommodations in College



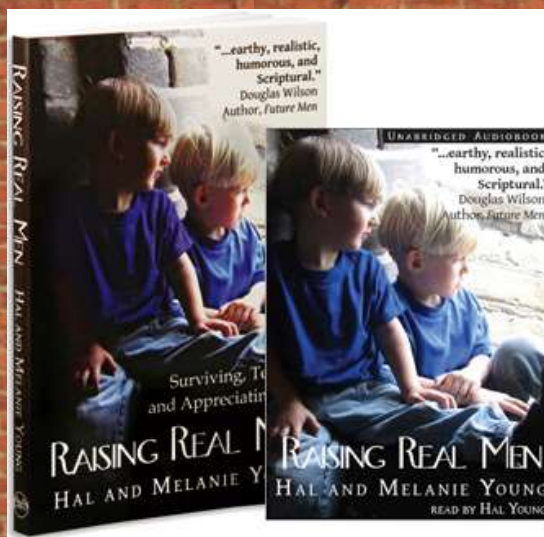
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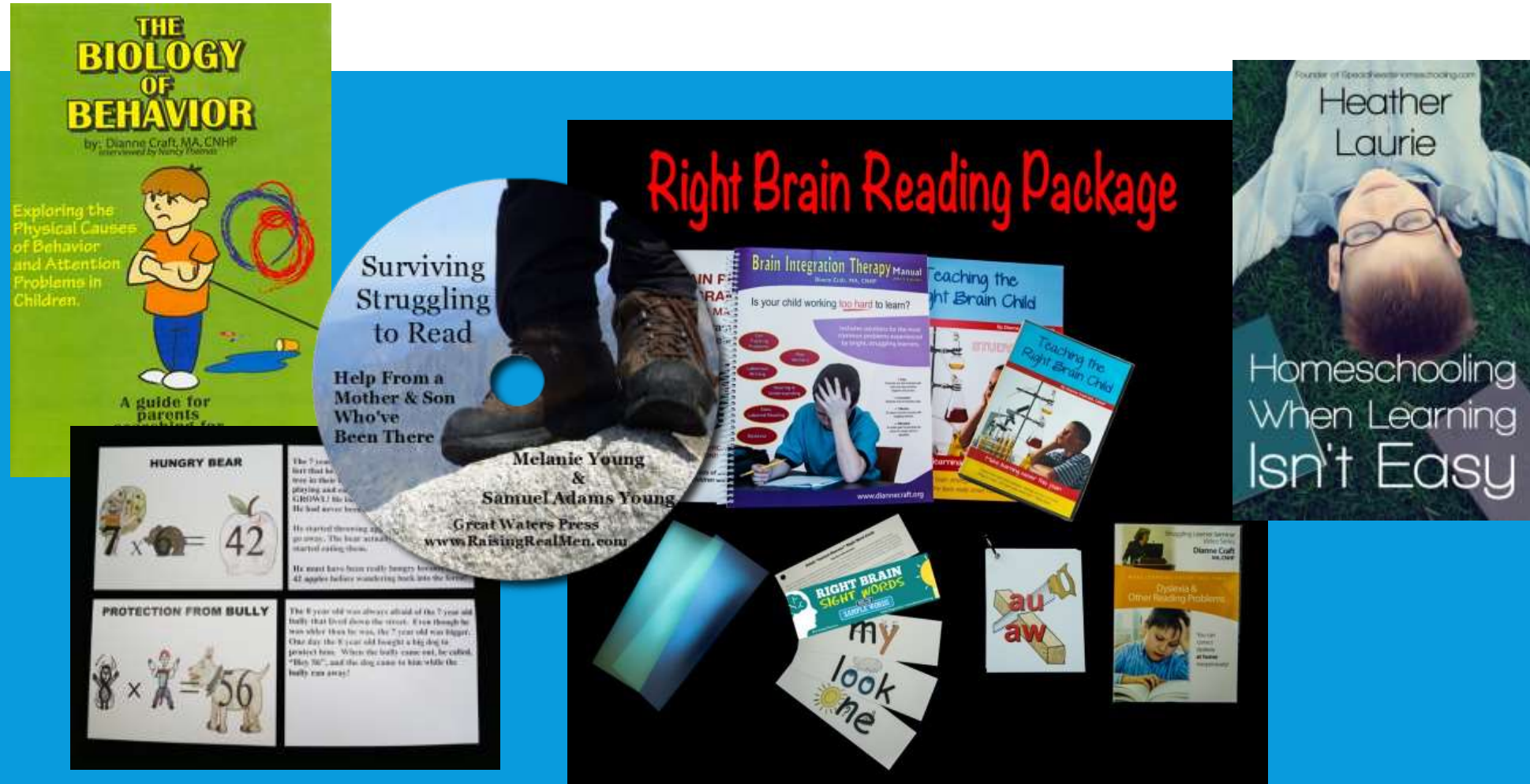
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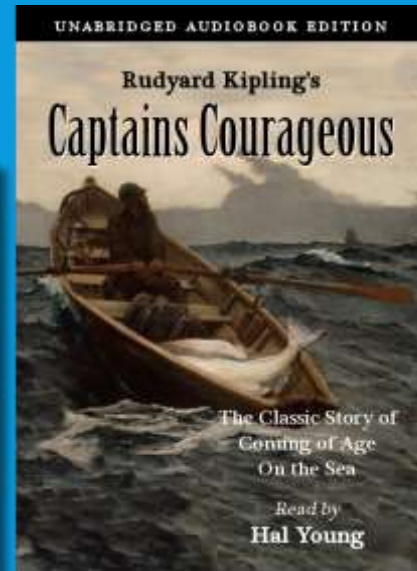
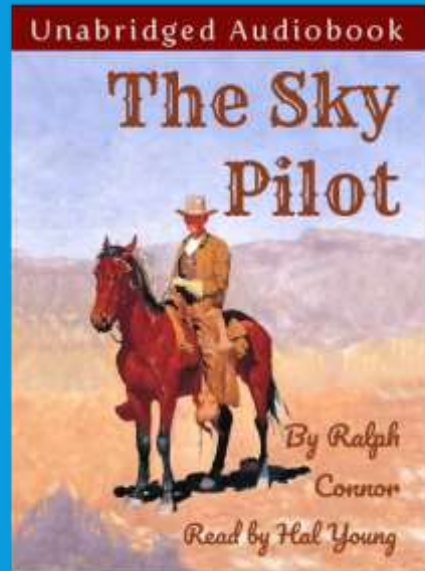
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