

Piberry Institute
Office of Student Services
Disability Services

305-245-2581

All Departments: Hours: Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Disability Services Overview:

Like all students, students with disabilities are a valued part of our school community. As a diverse community, we strive to broaden our understanding and appreciation for the contributions of each individual, and seek to support everyone to greater success. We provide a collaborative relationship, leadership and guidance regarding accommodations and universal access. We support and advocate for all students and connect students with essential resources they might need for their ongoing success.

Campus Resources:

If you are faculty, staff, or family unsure how to advise a student in need of support or suggestions of any kind, call the Office of Student Services at 305-245-2581 for assistance and referrals. We're here to help.

For victim assistance, the office of Student Services offers free and confidential information, consultation, support, and advocacy to students, faculty, and staff.

Class Notes:

Disability Services at Piberry Institute can coordinate for a student volunteer in your class may assist with taking notes. The notetaker may email the notes or provide a photocopy immediately after class. Another option is for the student to consider recording class lectures using a digital recorder. Students do have the option of using a personal friend to help take notes in class for them. Permission is given through the office of Student Affairs for someone other than a registered student to sit in the class. Finally, consider speech-to-text software programs. These allow the student to speak into the computer through a microphone and the software then converts the speech into written text. Free versions will be arranged for download or the student may purchase software (e.g., Dragon NaturallySpeaking, Mac Speech Dictate, etc.).

Examinations:

Exams may present a special challenge for those with temporary conditions. With advance notice, the strategies listed below might be acceptable alternatives to suggest to your professors and/or teaching assistants:

- Mark answers selections directly on exam.
- Instead of handwriting an essay, use a laptop.
- For lab related experiments or “hands on” exams, orally describe what you would do, why you would do it, what you observe, etc.
- If you think you may need extra time to complete an exam, let your professor/teaching assistant know in advance.
- Take breaks during the exam.
- Orally record your answers.
- Use a scribe (provided by your professor/ teaching assistant).

Personal Assistant:

If you need help dressing, bathing, or any other personal assistance, contact a home and family care agency. For help carrying books or getting around, check with fraternities or sororities for volunteers.

Disability Services at Piberry Institute is not responsible for providing wheelchair, scooter, or oxygen, but listed below is contact information on rentals.

Medco Rentals

www.medcorentals.com
13375 SW 128th St, Miami, FL 33186
(305) 255-6666

Alliance Homecare Systems

13280 SW 131st St Ste 103
Miami, FL 33186
(305) 256-5551

Parking and Transportation:

Parking and Transportation Services provides information about parking here on campus. There is no transportation or shuttle service from or to our campus. Accessible parking is available in designated areas of the parking lot. The following is additional transportation information for convenience.

Neighborhood Medical Transportation

10616 SW 184th Terrace, Cutler Bay, FL 33157
(305) 218-8056

Eastern Medical Courier

www.easterncourier.net
23635-A S Dixie Hwy, Homestead, FL 33032
(305) 257-1234

Miami Dade Transit

Address: 701 NW 1st Ct, Miami, FL 33136
(305) 891-3131

Office of the OmBuds:

The Ombuds Office is a confidential, impartial, informal and independent problem-solving and conflict resolution resource for all members of Piberry's school community. We are pleased to serve students, faculty and staff. The Ombuds Office provides a safe place to help individuals review options for managing or resolving interpersonal disputes and university-related problems. We do not provide legal services nor advocate for anyone.

The Ombuds Office:

- Listens to concerns
- Reviews possible options
- Explains Piberry policies & procedures
- Facilitates communication between people
- Provides information about formal and informal grievance reporting options
- Mediates as appropriate
- Makes referrals
- Points out patterns of problems/complaints to administrators
- Keeps your visit strictly confidential (unless consent is given otherwise)