Many students with diabetes don’t register with the Disabilities/Auxiliary Services office at their school.

(Some students simply don’t know that it’s an option and others are just completely turned off by the term ‘disability’.)

Give us a few minutes to explain why it’s a good idea.
Reasons to Register

**PLAN BEFORE AN EMERGENCY**
If you aren’t registered with Disability Services, you aren’t guaranteed any sort of accommodations for problems that may arise due to your diabetes. You cannot register for accommodations retroactively. If you fail or miss a test because of low or high blood sugar and you haven’t registered, you’ll have to accept the grade.

**DON’T SELL YOURSELF SHORT**
It is scientifically proven that being low or high can seriously affect your academic performance. Perhaps you can get a passing grade on a test while your blood sugar is high, but imagine what you could get if it wasn’t. Set yourself up for success.

**ADVOCATE FOR YOURSELF**
Most professors are extremely accommodating, but once in a while you encounter a professor who isn’t. Registering with Disabilities Services overrides whatever rules your professor has established around food and drinks in the classroom, the use of technology (‘texting’ on your pump), or the ability to make up exams.

**DON’T LET DIABETES LIMIT YOU**
Accommodations can also extend to housing, dining, and registering for classes. This can include where you live, roommate situations, meal plans, and early class registration.