

ACCOMMODATIONS & MODIFICATIONS

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Contact your school's Supportive Consultant to view the Accommodations wheel.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

- **Accommodations are changes in the way students receive information and demonstrate learning.**
- **Students receiving accommodations are expected to meet the same standards set for all students.**
- **Students are learning the same curriculum.**

MODIFICATIONS

- **Modifications refer to changes in what students are expected to learn.**
- **This might include changes in content, (Grading based on work completion.) instructional level, (Simplified vocabulary and concepts.) and performance criteria (Reduction of assigned problems.).**

Following are
ACCOMMODATIONS
for some of the Content Areas:

- **Reading**
- **Math**
- **Science / Social Studies**
- **Writing**

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Reading

- Use audible reading software.
- Provide graphic organizers.
- Use small group instruction.
- Use paired and echo reading.
- Provide book/study sheets with key phrases/words highlighted.

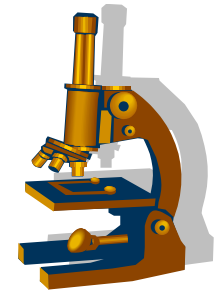


Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Math

- Use manipulatives to move from concrete to abstract.
- Allow use of math charts, computational aids, and fact tables.
- Provide fewer problems on a page.
- Allow oral reading of problems and break into smaller steps.
- Use graph paper to organize and align numbers.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Science / Social Studies

- Provide content outlines, study guides.
- Use instructional aids on assessments.
- Provide content vocabulary cards with graphics.
- Highlight instructions on lab sheets.
- Use lab partners.



Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Writing

- Allow student to record lessons.
- Allow oral responses with a scribe.
- Use a keyboard or other device.
- Do not initially penalize for handwriting or spelling errors.
- Use graphic organizers to plan composition.

Following are
ACCOMMODATIONS
for Other Areas:

- **Testing**
- **Homework Assignments**
- **Materials**
- **Behavior**
- **Classroom Environment**
- **Equipment /Assistive Technology**
- **Instruction**
- **Time Management**

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Testing

- Allow one page of notes or a note card for use during test.
- Give student one section of test at a time.
- Read aloud words, phrases, sentences, and answer choices.
- Divide into more than one administration.
- Shorten the length of the test.
- Allow test to be given in a small group or individually.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Homework Assignments

- Break assignments into smaller tasks or reduce them.
- Allow oral and recorded responses if appropriate.
- Check that all assignments are written correctly in planner and possibly sequenced by numbering tasks.
- Give and write reminders in planner for long-term assignments – highlighted.
- Give directions in small steps.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Materials

- Models or examples of end product.
- Content vocabulary study cards with graphics or mnemonic devices.
- Manipulatives and study aids.
- Human readers (peers, study buddy, tutor, teacher).
- Planners with needed materials listed ahead of time.
- Major points highlighted, bolded, or italicized.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Behavior

- Set clearly defined standards and remind students periodically.
- Use private signals such as direct eye contact, hand gently placed on desk, etc.
- Allow frequent breaks such as a sensory break, drink break, a short walk-around.
- Assign a “safe” place for calming or cooling down.
- Develop a behavior improvement plan for the specific student.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Classroom Environment

- Reduce classroom clutter and stimuli.
- Seat student in low traffic area.
- Stand near student during instruction.
- Use alternative seating such as T-stool, balance ball, wiggle stool, etc.
- Use earplugs or headphones to minimize noise.



Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Equipment /Assistive Technology

- Calculation devices, word processors, computer access.
- Text to speech converter.
- Touch screens.
- Voice recorders.
- Augmentative communication devices.



Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Instruction

- Allow recording of oral instruction.
- Accept computer – processed typed assignments.
- Encourage student to repeat directions orally.
- Use visuals such as computer/SMART board.
- Use peer tutoring, pairs, or small group instruction.

Examples of
ACCOMMODATIONS *for*
Time Management



- Provide additional time for completion of tasks or reduce work amount.
- Provide a timer for students to manage in-class work.
- Cross off completed tasks from a list on desk.
- Use time management tools – planners, calendars, assignment sheets.
- Provide a specific location for turning in work.

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