

Classroom Accommodations

A compiled list of education accommodations available to students with disabilities

What is an Education Accommodation?

A tool, strategy, or technique provided or demonstrated by teachers, classroom aids, and schools to create the **best learning environment possible** for students with disabilities.

Why Have Accommodations?

To enhance the learning environment for students and educators so students can be as **successful** as possible.

Types of Education Accommodations

1 Presentation Accommodations

How teachers can present information to students so they can best absorb, understand, remember, and learn.

2 Response Accommodations

How students respond so that they are engaged in learning.

3 Timing Accommodations

How teachers allot time for specific needs so students can produce quality work on a timeline that suits their abilities.

4 Environment Accommodations

How schools can design the learning environment so students can be comfortable and focused.

5 Organization Accommodations

How teachers can schedule tasks and assessments to ensure the best possible outcome for students.

Presentation Accommodations

- Instruction and assignments tailored to the child's needs
- Chunking of information
- Use of assistive technology
- Present the same information in multiple ways (explain verbally, in writing, through action, and give examples)

Response Accommodations

- Positive reinforcement and feedback
- Accept responses and/or thought visualization in multiple formats (written, verbal, using technology, etc.)
- Allow answers to be written directly on handouts rather than on answer sheets
- Reduce the required depth of justifying explanations

Timing Accommodations

- Flexibility with due dates and deadlines
- Extra time on tests
- Extra time for assignments
- Completing 20 questions instead of 30 in the same allotted time as other students
- Allowing breaks or time to move around

Environment Accommodations

- Work or take a test in a different setting, such as a quiet room with few distractions
- Changes to the environment to limit distraction
- Sit where they learn best (for example, near the teacher)
- Use special lighting or acoustics
- Take a test in a small group setting

Organization Accommodations

- Extra help with staying organized
- Using technology to assist with tasks
- Scribing of answers
- Decrease the number of options on multiple choice tests
- Reduce the number of tasks students need to complete

When in Doubt...

Ask for what you need, educators and school boards jobs are to facilitate the best learning possible for your learner! Talk to your learner or their parent and **ask them** what would be most helpful. Teamwork makes dreamwork! Try a variety of techniques to see what works best, **you've got this!**

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