Access to Core Curriculum for Special Education Students

Los Angeles Unified School District Division of Special Education Instructional Initiatives

Objectives



What are accommodations?



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What are modifications?

How do we do it in the classroom?

Curricular Adaptations

Curricular Adaptations are "any adjustment or modification in curriculum, instruction, environment or materials in order to enhance the participation of a member of the classroom community."

Accommodation

Changes made to the environment, curriculum, instruction, or assessment practices that **DO NOT** fundamentally alter or lower expectations in instructional level, content or performance criteria.

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Modification

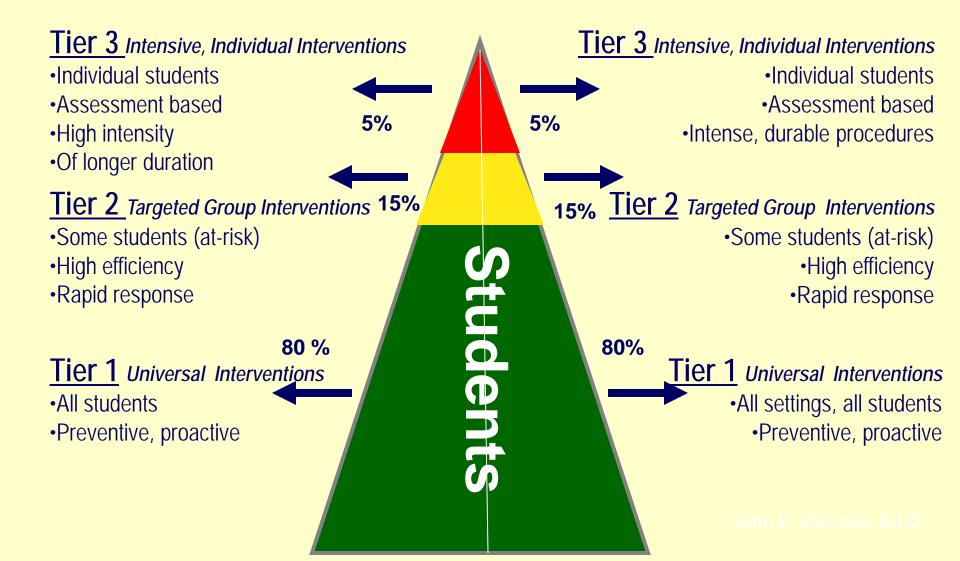
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Three-Tier Model of School Supports

Academic Systems

Behavioral Systems



Accommodations may be provided in four general areas

> Methods and Materials
> Assignments and classroom assessments
> Learning environment

Special communication systems



Minnie is a second grade student with an SLD eligibility. She currently reads at the 1st grade level. Minnie can read and write the entire alphabet. She still has difficulty identifying and reading words with long vowel spellings. Minnie can read CVC words with the short a, e, and o spelling. Minnie can decode some two syllable words. She has difficulty comprehending what she reads. She enjoys listening to stories and can comprehend stories read to her. She is able to restate sequences of events in stories read to her. She would benefit from the use of graphic organizers.

Accommodations Match

Read the description of Minnie.

- Identify each her strengths and areas of need and the students accommodations.
- How would you support her in the general education classroom?

Reading Strengths/ Abilities	Challenges/ Needs	Supports/ Accommodations
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Reading Strengths/	Challenges/	Supports/		
Abilities	Needs	Accommodations		
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Activity #1

Given both her strengths and needs, what would you do to support Minnie?

Reading Strengths/	Challenges/	Supports/		
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Activity #1

Methods and Materials for Instruction

Student needs accommodations because he/she has:

- Limited reading abilities
- Difficulty understanding lectures and discussions

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Visual or hearing impairments

Methods and Materials for Instruction

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Can't read?

- Use audio version
- Use alternate version
- Use a videotape or movie
- Use reading buddy
- Use text to speech software

Methods and Materials for Instruction Can't identify main points when reading?

Highlight text

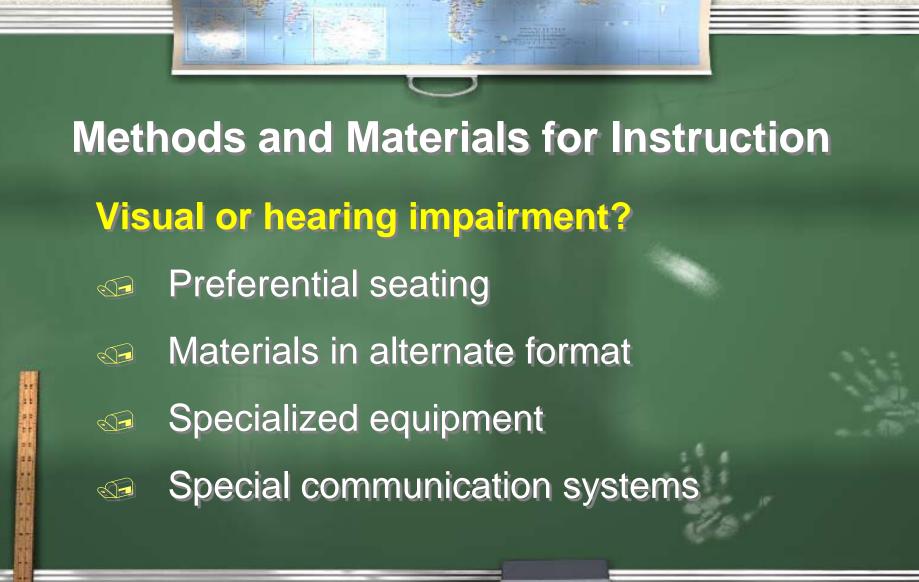
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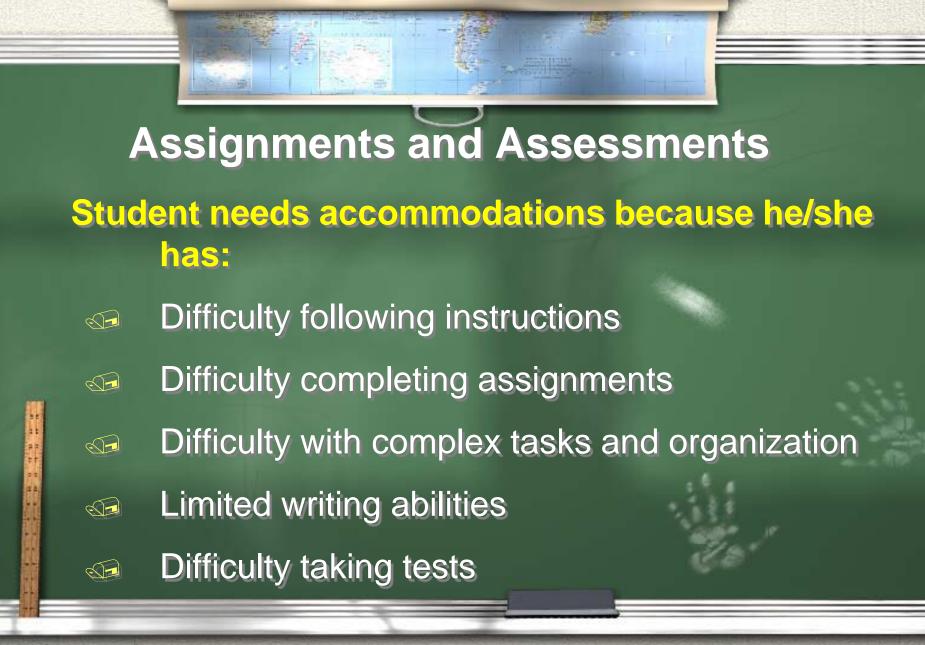
- Read summary or objectives first
- Give vocabulary list before reading
- Provide a worksheet or study guide for independent reading
 - Use hands on activities or diagrams for presenting abstract or complex concepts

Methods and Materials for Instruction Can't understand lectures and discussion?

Before:
 Provide visual aids, advance organizers, give overview
 During:
 Provide note-taking organizers, emphasize verbally or with color
 After:

Repeat, paraphrase, summarize; provide written summary aid, encourage questions





Assignments and Assessments

Difficulty following instructions?

Provide oral/written directions, include pictures or diagrams
 Model, describe critical components
 Complete sample problems or tasks
 Have student paraphrase directions

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Provide assessment rubric

Assignments and Assessments Difficulty completing assignments?

Provide individual responsibility checklist

Use timer to define work periods Reduce work to essentials for learning objectives Teach use of a planner/calendar

Accommodations

Activity Series of Metals

PURPOSE

To develop an activity series of metals.

MINI LAB

MATERIALS

- 15 100-mL beakers
- 5 small strips each of copper, magnesium, and zinc metal
- steel wool or fine sandpaper
- aqueous solutions of the following: CuSO₄ (0.05*M*) MgSO₄ (0.05*M*) NaCl (0.05*M*) AgNO₃ (0.05*M*) ZnSO₄ (0.05*M*)

PROCEDURE

1. Clean each strip of metal with the steel wool or sandpaper.

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- Label each beaker with the name of one of the solutions. There should be three beakers for each solution.
- Pour 20.0 mL of each solution into each of its labeled beakers.
- 4. Divide the beakers into three groups, each with one beaker of each solution. Label one group of beakers copper, one magnesium, and one zinc. Place a strip of the corresponding metal into each beaker.
- After 1, 5, and 15 minutes make observations of the metal strips and the solutions.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

- In which solutions did the appearance of the metal change? (Ignore the formation of bubbles.)
- Write a balanced equation for each reaction between a metal and a solution.
- **3.** Based on the results of your experiment, construct an activity series for these five metals. Put the most active metal first.







Modified



MINI LAB Activity Series of Metals PROCEDURE 1. Clean each strip of metal with the steelwool **O** r sandpaper 2. Label **each** beaker with the name of one of the solutions. There should be three (3) beakers for each solution. 3. Pour 20.0mL of each solution into each of its labeled beakers 4. Divide the beakers into three (3) groups, each with one beaker rate of each solution. Label one group of beakers copper, one (1) magnesium, and . Place a strip of the corresponding one (1) zinc metal in to each beaker 5. After 1, 5, and 15 minutes make observations of the metal strips and the solution. ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. In which solutions did the appearance of the metal change?(Ignore the formation of bubbles.)
- 2. Based on the results of your experiment, construct an activity series for these five (5) metals. Put the most active metal first.

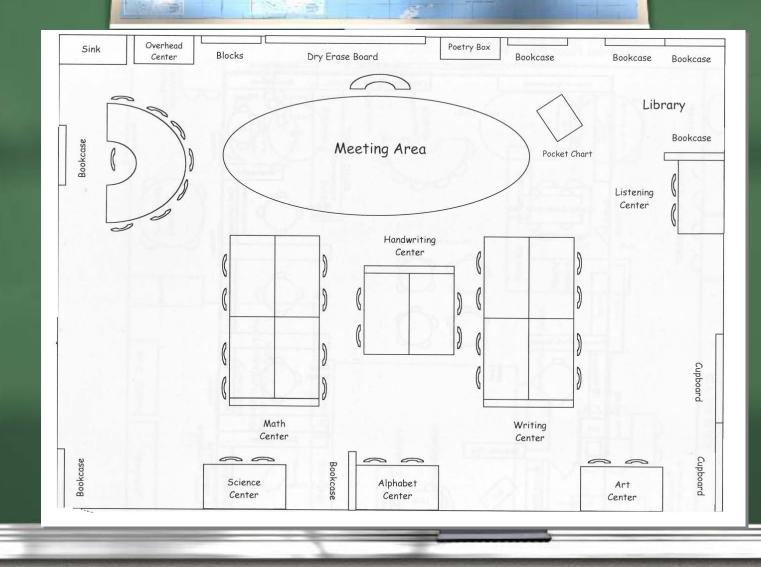
Learning Environment

Physical Facilities Equipment Behavioral Classroom management Behavioral objectives

Learning Environment

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Physical Facilities Accessible



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Learning Environment

Behavior Short attention span Difficulty working in groups Difficulty controlling own hold

Difficulty controlling own behavior

Time Demands and Scheduling

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Allows extra time for exam
 Adjust length of time for a task
 Allow breaks between assignments

Communication Systems



Modification

What animal would you like to be?





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fish

Which habitat would it live in?

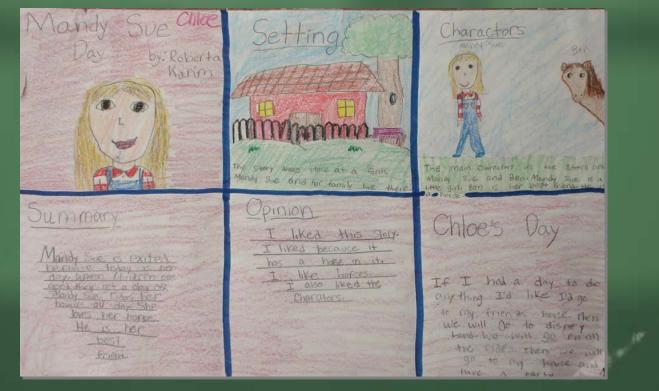


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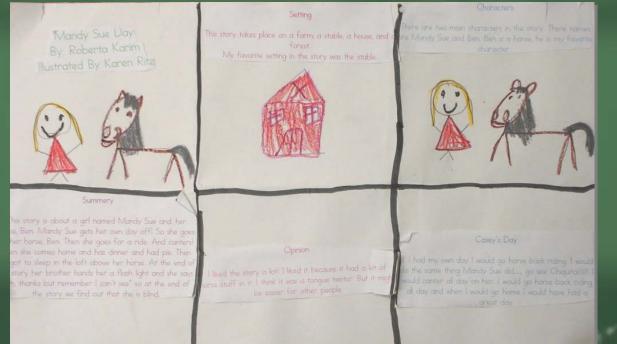


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4th Grade Typical Student Story Board



4th Grade Story Board With Accommodations



4th Grade Story Board With Modifications



Accommodations

Group 1	Simplify complex directions	Oral exams	Assign a homework buddy	Pre-teach vocabulary	Cooperative learning	Allow breaks between assignments	Provide a written outline
Group 2	Seat student near teacher	Adjust length of time for a task	Provide concrete examples	Provide individual work space	Give assignment orally and visually	Stand near student when giving instructions	Give a symbolic example
Group 3	Reduce extraneous noise	Mail a schedule of class and work assignments	Allow movement to increase physical comfort	Allow students to tape record response	Use study guides	Provide organizational charts, timelines	Allow use of computer
Group 4	Allow extra time for exam	Peer tutoring	Provide a scribe for written responses	Chunk a chapter	Put prompts on materials, i.e. bullets, stars, arrows	Use color to indicate which part of assignment	Give students a preview of what is going to happen
Group 5	Use graphic organizers	Large print	Give children a choice of tasks	Peer editing or teacher assistance in revision process	Give easier tasks first	Use self-checking materials	Stand near student when giving instructions

Accommodations Match

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Activity #2

With your group:
Read the Accommodations in the boxes.
Place each of the boxes (the accommodations) where you think they belong in the 5 general areas.



	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5	
Methods and materials						
Assignments and classroom assessments						
Learning environment						
Time demands and scheduling						
Special communication systems						

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