

10 Academic Adaptations

To Provide Support & Reduce Behavior Problems

Adaptation	Description	Examples
Size	Change number of items to learn or copy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decrease # of questions • Provide handout with fill-in-the-blanks
Time	Extend time for learning, testing or working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More time for acquisition, review, practice or tests
Difficulty	Modify skill level, rules or complexity of problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading level, # of steps, simplify question • Open book, multiple choice, short answer
Input	Consider the way instruction is provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture, overhead, textbook, handout
Output	Consider the way the learner can respond	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essay, oral report, notes • 2-D or 3-D rendering or model showing comprehension of issue
Accommodation	Allow use of tools to 'level the playing field'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dictionary, spell check, word processor • Arithmetic table, calculator, formula list
Participation	Alter the involvement in the task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual, coop group, team project
Level of Support	Vary the assistance given to complete the assignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an outline or checklist • Check-in after each segment to ensure student is on-task • Small group instruction, peer mentor, aid
Alternate Goals	Change outcome expectation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vary criteria using Blooms Taxonomy • Examples: list, summarize, contrast, analyze
Substitute Curriculum	Provide differentiated instruction for the learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different math questions or literature book based on performance level of student