Providing Accommodations at Home

For Special Education Success

# The Classroom vs the Kitchen

You’ve heard the word “accommodations” and your child may have received them at school but now that learning happens at home and you need to put them into action, it’s harder than you thought.

Accommodations- ac·​com·​mo·​da·​tion | \ ə-ˌkä-mə-ˈdā-shənn.

 Any change in the work environment or in the way things are customarily done that enables an individual with a disability to enjoy equal employment opportunities.

### 4 Main Types of Accommodations to Offer Your Child

### Presentation: A change in the way information is presented.

* Using audio books and having the student follow the text while listening
* Providing summaries of chapters
* Using a marker to highlight important textbook sections
* Provide child a list of discussion questions before reading
* Providing books/other written materials in alternate formats such as Braille or larger font

### response: A change in the way a child completes assignments/tests.

* Using worksheets that require minimal writing like fill in the blank instead of essay
* Letting the student use a voice recorder to dicate answers or writing assignment
* Allow student to use a word processor or speech-to-text or similar app
* Offer adaptive writing tools, pencil grips, slanted surface

### setting: a change in the environment where a child learns.

* Keeping work-space tidy and free of distractions
* Remove unnecessary noise or allow noise cancelling headphones
* Allow student to learn where they are comfortable and can focus best
* Allow frequent breaks
* Provide storage cube or specific organization for supplies

### timing and scheduling: a change to the time a child has for a task.

* Alerting a student several minutes before a transition from one activity to another
* Allow extra time to complete a task
* Offer a visual timer or alarm to alert
* Allowing spontaneous changes in schedule if necessary

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