



What are Modifications?

- Modifications are changes to *what* the student is taught or expected to do in school.
- Modifications aren't the same as accommodations, which are changes to *how* the student learns.

Assignment Modifications

- Complete different homework problems
- Answer different test questions
- Create alternate projects or assignments
- Assign even or odd problems only - gives the student similar practice to everyone else.
- Select specific problems and omit extra ones
- Give 1 essay question instead of 3 or 4
- Give choice – Let the student select 10 problems to do or let him/her pick whether to do the front or back of a worksheet. This will help with motivation, too, since the student sees they have a choice in the assignment.
- Put fewer problems on each page – This will be less visually distracting.
- For matching, reduce the number of items to match or break them in half
- Reduce the number of multiple choices – There will be less to select from. For example, if everyone else has a quiz with 4 possible multiple-choice answers, the student might only have 2 or 3 options to choose.
- Eliminate true or false questions – These questions can be extremely tricky, especially for students with language-based disorders.

Content Modifications:

- Give a similar but different assignment with lower grade level material in area of weakness (math, reading, or writing) – For example: if the topic is computing with fractions, the student might be drawing fraction pictures.
- Provide an alternative assignment – This can be a research project, hands-on project, lab experiment, or making a poster to show understanding of a topic.
- Align student interest to the content – For example, focus on reading strategies while learning about trains.

Additional ideas to support learning:

- Give a word bank for fill in the blank or when writing an essay
- Allow students to type or orally report their responses
- Give a specific list for steps to complete a task
- Provide concept cards with an assignment
- Allow the student to use their book or notes
- Provide specific examples
- Highlight tricky or key words in questions
- Read the information to the student
- Allow student to work in quieter setting
- Allow calculators