



NICHCY_SPECIAL FOCUS: Classroom Accommodations

At the heart and soul of improved outcomes for children with disabilities may very well be the types of accommodations they receive in the classroom to help them access the general curriculum, learn new info and skills, and demonstrate their learning. Certainly, we get a lot of inquiries at NICHCY from both teachers and parents about how to adapt curricula, support students in the classroom, and provide instruction that meets their special needs. So we are focusing on this as our special topic in April.

Visit NCEO's Accommodations pages--they're fantastic!

You'd better bring a big bag to haul away the resources you find at NCEO (National Center on Educational Outcomes). Enter through the link below and find sections answering FAQs, publications, links to state websites posting their accommodations policies and information, and more.
<http://www.cehd.umn.edu/NCEO/TopicAreas/Accommodations/Accomtopic.htm>

Accommodations for students with disabilities.

Here's a short guide to explain accommodations.
<http://das.kucrl.org/iam/studentacc.html>

Info from NICHCY.

<http://www.nichcy.org/EducateChildren/Supports/Pages/default.aspx>

How to select, administer, and evaluate use of accommodations for instruction and assessment of students with disabilities.

http://www.osepideasthatwork.org/toolkit/accommodations_manual.asp

From TeacherVision.

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/special-education/resource/5347.html>

Accommodation strategies.

Read Chapter 6 of the resource *Collaborative Teaching: Special Education in Inclusive Classrooms*.

http://www.parrotpublishing.com/Inclusion_Chapter_6.htm

An IRIS online module: Instructional accommodations.

Making the Learning Environment Accessible to Students With Visual Disabilities can be found at:
http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/v02_successsight/chalcycle.htm

Accommodations and strategies for different disabilities.

Here, you'll find info on what types of accommodations are appropriate for specific disabilities, namely: Autism | Mental Retardation | Learning Disability | Other Health Impaired | Emotionally Disturbed | Visually Impaired | Hearing Impaired | Orthopedically Impaired.
<http://akuehnel3.tripod.com/index.html>

What about accessible materials?

Bookshare provides an online accessible library for individuals with print disabilities and offers pre-recorded webinars for educators and parents. The link below will take you to the K-12 Educators Bookshare Community.

<http://bookshare.org/community/educatorsK12>

Maryland's accommodations manual for students with disabilities.

<http://tinyurl.com/yznk7oa>

Florida's guide for educators.

http://www.paec.org/fdlrstech/acom_edu.pdf

Including students with disabilities in STEM courses and activities.

<http://www.washington.edu/doit/Stem/acc.html>

Accommodations for students with disabilities in high school.

<http://www.ncset.org/publications/viewdesc.asp?id=247>

And for those with disabilities in college.

<http://das.kucrl.org/iam/ACCSDModule.pdf>

More for those in college.

<http://www.disaboom.com/college-for-students-with-disabilities/college-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities>

NICHCY hopes that the resources available through the organizations and links above will come in very handy for teachers, parents, and the students themselves!