

# Assessment Accommodations Planner

## Changes in Setting

- Use preferential seating to place student closer to source of oral instructions and/or demonstration equipment.
- Assess small group of students in a separate location.
- Assess student individually in a separate location.
- Provide special lighting.
- Provide adaptive or special furniture.
- Assess student in study carrel or room with minimal distractions.

## Changes in Timing/Scheduling

- Allow more time to complete assessment.
- Allow student to take assessment at his best time of day and during periods when emotional agitation is relatively low.
- Provide opportunity for additional breaks between subsections of the assessment.
- Provide opportunity to move around during the assessment.
- Allow student to extend assessment across several sessions/days.

## Changes in Presentation

- Repeat and clarify the directions.
- Allow student to record answers in test booklet rather than separate answer sheet.
- Allow student to underline key words and to write notes in margins of test booklet.
- Encourage the student to complete the task.
- Increase spacing between items and place fewer items per page.
- Break up the assessment into smaller sections or fewer steps at a time.
- Provide organizational aids such as templates, graphic organizers, or graph paper.

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- Provide large-type version of assessment.
- Provide written translation of assessment in student's native language.
- Provide Braille version of assessment.
- Permit the use of whatever augmentative or assistive technology the student uses on a daily basis (e.g., magnifying equipment, noise buffers).
- Provide scoring guides which value content and ideas rather than form and neatness.
- Provide more complex, open-ended items which allow gifted and talented students to fully demonstrate the depth and range of their understanding and creativity.
- Provide scoring guides which reward sophistication, complexity, and originality at "advanced" level.

## Changes in Student Response

- Permit use of augmentative or assistive technology student uses on a daily basis (e.g., word processor, Braille, calculator).
- Permit responses in student's native language.
- Use scribe to record student's oral responses.
- Use signing to communicate responses.
- Use pointer to communicate responses.
- Allow student to use another modality (e.g., an oral presentation or an illustration rather than an essay).