Access to Core Curriculum for Special Education Students

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Division of Special Education
Instructional Initiatives

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- What are accommodations?
- What are modifications?
- How do we do it in the classroom?

Curricular Adaptations

Curricular Adaptations are "any adjustment or modification in curriculum, instruction, environment or materials in order to enhance the participation of a member of the classroom community."

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Accommodation

Changes made to the environment, curriculum, instruction, or assessment practices that **DO NOT** fundamentally alter or lower expectations in instructional level, content or performance criteria.

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Modification

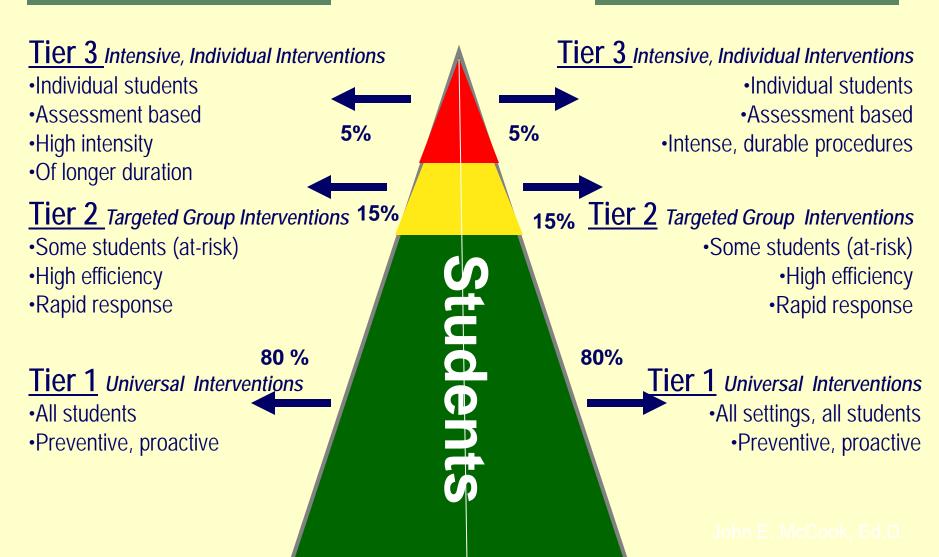
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Three-Tier Model of School Supports

Academic Systems

Behavioral Systems



Accommodations may be provided in four general areas

- Methods and Materials
- Assignments and classroom assessments
- Learning environment
- Special communication systems

Accommodations Activity 1: What do you know about accommodations?

Minnie is a second grade student with an SLD eligibility. She currently reads at the 1st grade level. Minnie can read and write the entire alphabet. She still has difficulty identifying and reading words with long vowel spellings. Minnie can read CVC words with the short a, e, and o spelling. Minnie can decode some two syllable words. She has difficulty comprehending what she reads. She enjoys listening to stories and can comprehend stories read to her. She is able to restate sequences of events in stories read to her. She would benefit from the use of graphic organizers.

Accommodations Match

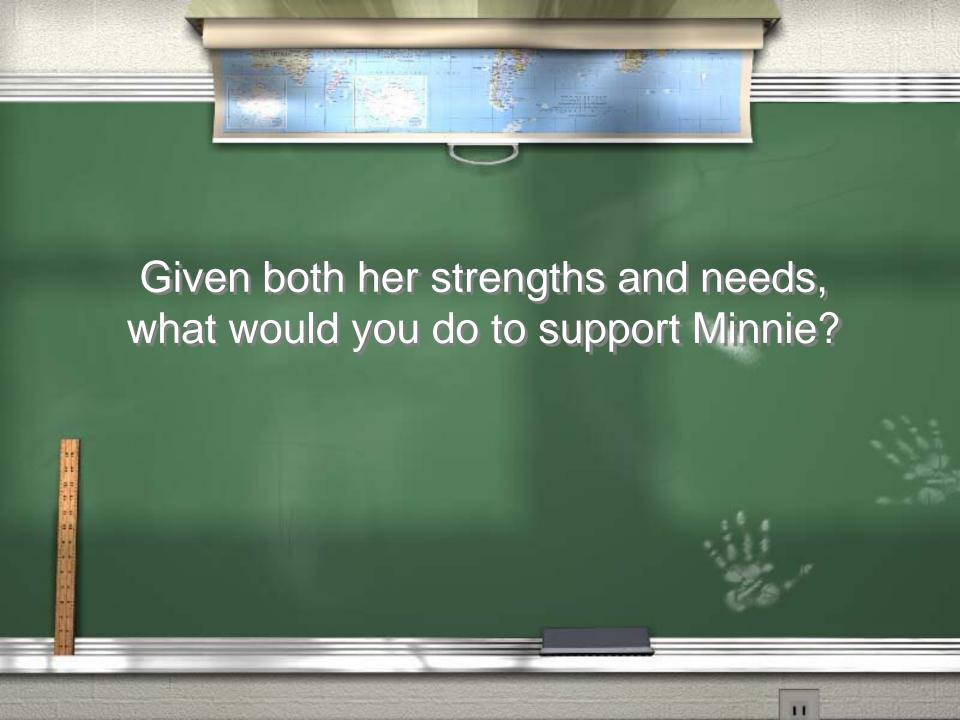
- Read the description of Minnie.
- Identify each her strengths and areas of need and the students accommodations.
- How would you support her in the general education classroom?

Reading Strengths/ Abilities	Challenges/ Needs	Supports/ Accommodations

Activity #1

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Methods and Materials for Instruction

Student needs accommodations because he/she has:

- Limited reading abilities
- Difficulty understanding lectures and discussions
- Visual or hearing impairments

Methods and Materials for Instruction

Can't read?

- Use audio version
- Use alternate version
- Use a videotape or movie
- Use reading buddy
- Use text to speech software

Methods and Materials for Instruction Can't identify main points when reading?

- Highlight text
- Read summary or objectives first
- Give vocabulary list before reading
- Provide a worksheet or study guide for independent reading
- Use hands on activities or diagrams for presenting abstract or complex concepts

Methods and Materials for Instruction Can't understand lectures and discussion?

Before:

Provide visual aids, advance organizers, give overview

During:

Provide note-taking organizers, emphasize verbally or with color

After:

Repeat, paraphrase, summarize; provide written summary aid, encourage questions

Methods and Materials for Instruction

Visual or hearing impairment?

- Preferential seating
- Materials in alternate format
- Specialized equipment
- Special communication systems

Assignments and Assessments

Student needs accommodations because he/she has:

- Difficulty following instructions
- Difficulty completing assignments
- Difficulty with complex tasks and organization
- Limited writing abilities
- Difficulty taking tests

Assignments and Assessments

Difficulty following instructions?

- Provide oral/written directions, include pictures or diagrams
- Model, describe critical components
- Complete sample problems or tasks
- Have student paraphrase directions
- Provide assessment rubric

Assignments and Assessments Difficulty completing assignments?

- Provide individual responsibility checklist
- Use timer to define work periods
- Reduce work to essentials for learning objectives
- Teach use of a planner/calendar

Accommodations

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Activity Series of Metals

PURPOSE

To develop an activity series of metals.

MATERIALS

- 15 100-mL beakers
- . 5 small strips each of copper, magnesium, and zinc metal
- · steel wool or fine sandpaper
- · aqueous solutions of the following: CuSO₄ (0.05M) $MgSO_4 (0.05M)$ NaCl (0.05M) $AgNO_3 (0.05M)$ ZnSO₄ (0.05M)

PROCEDURE

- 1. Clean each strip of metal with the steel wool or sandpaper.
- 2. Label each beaker with the name of one of the solutions. There should be three beakers for each solution.
- 3. Pour 20.0 mL of each solution into each of its labeled beakers.
- 4. Divide the beakers into three groups. each with one beaker of each solution. Label one group of beakers copper, one magnesium, and one zinc. Place a strip of the corresponding metal into each beaker.
- 5. After 1, 5, and 15 minutes make observations of the metal strips and the solutions.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. In which solutions did the appearance of the metal change? (Ignore the formation of bubbles.)
- 2. Write a balanced equation for each reaction between a metal and a solution.
- 3. Based on the results of your experiment, construct an activity series for these five metals. Put the most active metal first.







Modified



PURPOSE

To develop an activity series of metals.

MATERIALS

- 15 100-mL beakers
- 5 small strips each of:
- copper
- magnesium (
- and zinc metal
- steelwool
- or fine sandpaper
- aqueous solutions of the following: CUS04(0.05M) MqS04(0.05M) NaCI(0.05M) AgN03(0.05M) ZnS04(0.05M)

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Activity Series of Metals

PROCEDURE

each solution.

1. Clean each strip of metal with the steelwool **Or** sandpaper





- 3. Pour 20.0mL of each solution into each of its labeled beakers | | |
- 4. Divide the beakers into three (3) groups, each with one beaker of each solution. Label one group of beakers copper , one (1) magnesium , and . Place a strip of the corresponding one (1) zinc metal in to each beaker
- 5. After 1, 5, and 15 minutes make observations of the metal strips and the solution.

ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 1. In which solutions did the appearance of the metal change?(Ignore the formation of bubbles.)
- 2. Based on the results of your experiment, construct an activity series for these five (5) metals. Put the most active metal first.

Learning Environment

Physical

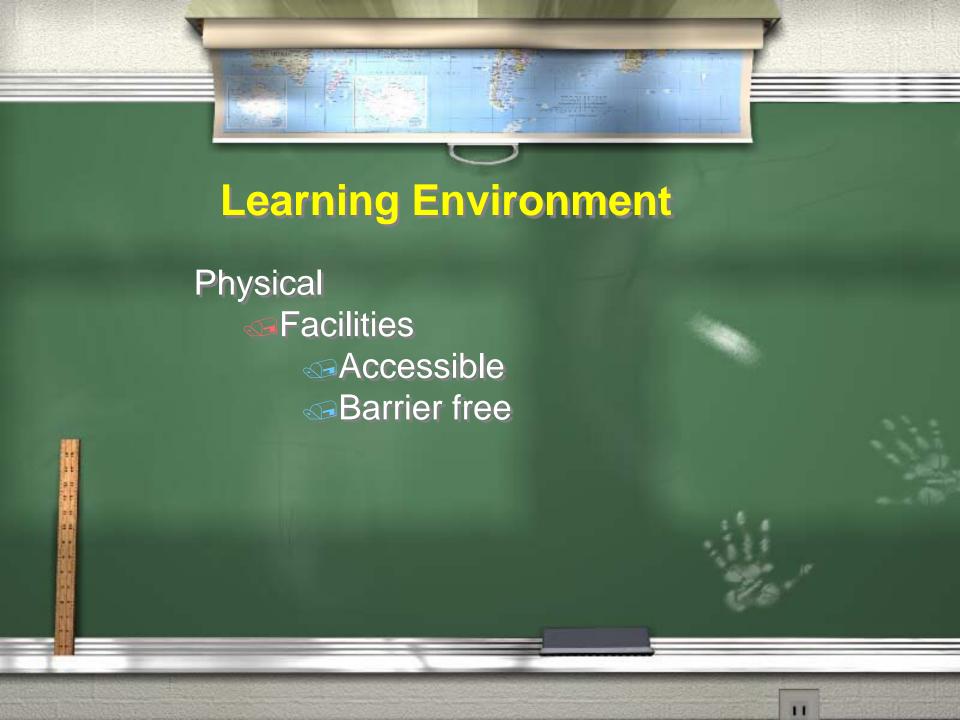
Facilities

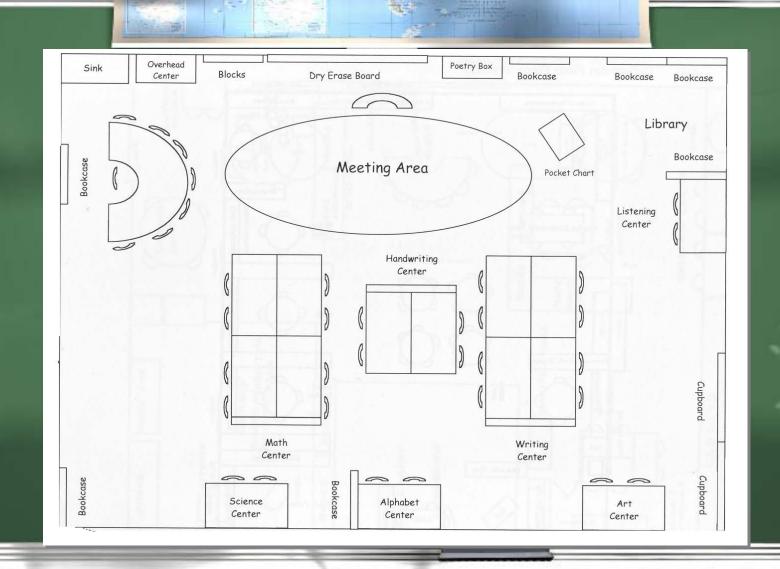
Equipment

Behavioral

Classroom management

Behavioral objectives





Learning Environment

Behavior -

- Short attention span
- Difficulty working in groups
- Difficulty controlling own behavior



- Allows extra time for exam
- Adjust length of time for a task
- Allow breaks between assignments



Accommodation

What animal would you like to be? What habitat would it need to live in? Draw a picture and write your answer.



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Typical

Modification

Name

What animal would you like to be?





bear

fish

Which habitat would it live in?



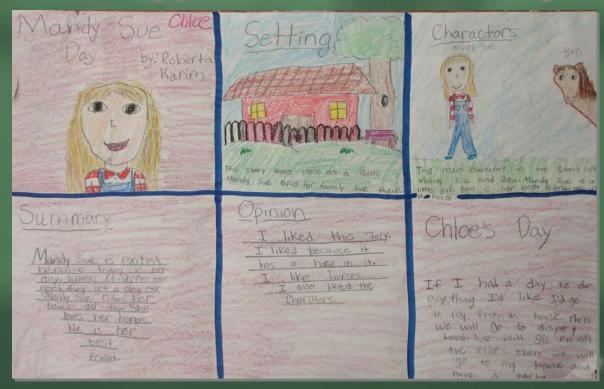


forest

pond

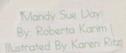


4th Grade Typical Student Story Board





4th Grade Story Board With **Accommodations**





tary her brother hands her a flash light and she says



This story takes place on a form, a stable, a house, and a real/bandy Sue and Ben. Ben is a horse he is my favoral





do the same thing Mandy Sue did... as see Chautalilli would canter all day on her. I would do harse back promi



4th Grade Story Board With Modifications



Accommodations

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3

Group

Group 5

Simplify complex directions	Oral exams	Assign a homework buddy	Pre-teach vocabulary	Cooperative learning	Allow breaks between assignments	Provide a written outline
Seat student near teacher	Adjust length of time for a task	Provide concrete examples	Provide individual work space	Give assignment orally and visually	Stand near student when giving instructions	Give a symbolic example
Reduce extraneous noise	Mail a schedule of class and work assignments	Allow movement to increase physical comfort	Allow students to tape record response	Use study guides	Provide organizational charts, timelines	Allow use of computer
Allow extra time for exam	Peer tutoring	Provide a scribe for written responses	Chunk a chapter	Put prompts on materials, i.e. bullets, stars, arrows	Use color to indicate which part of assignment	Give students a preview of what is going to happen
Use graphic organizers	Large print	Give children a choice of tasks	Peer editing or teacher assistance in revision process	Give easier tasks first	Use self-checking materials	Stand near student when giving instructions

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Activity #2

Accommodations Match

With your group:

- Read the Accommodations in the boxes.
- Place each of the boxes (the accommodations) where you think they belong in the 5 general areas.

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3	GROUP 4	GROUP 5
Methods and materials					
Assignments and classroom assessments					
Learning environment					
Time demands and scheduling					
Special communication systems					

