

Parent Tips for using IEP Accommodations Homework/Home-schooling

Accommodation	Purpose	Tips for parents
Extended time	To allow extra time for processing information, writing, reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Be flexible with the amount of time needed to complete assignments ● Extra “think” time to answer questions, discuss possible answers
Preferential seating	To allow student to focus, move as needed, comfort, close to teacher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Give your child options for sitting, laying down, table, sofa, beanbag, etc
Reduce distractions	To focus on tasks (less noise, visual stimulation, watching others,)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Find quiet, calm spot ● Headphones with or without music, whichever helps
Read aloud	To help students access grade-level texts, or to build fluency on instructional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read texts, questions/answer options out loud ● For fluency passages, have child listen to you, then re-read same text
Repeat directions	To clarify directions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Especially for multi-step directions, offer to read again, draw a picture, make a checklist, have child repeat in their own words
Redo assignments/tests	To offer opportunities for re-teaching, showing knowledge in a different way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Have student re-do missed items, verbally, draw, etc ● Guide to correct answers through discussion
Chunking assignments/tests	To reduce the number of choices for vocabulary, assist in focus, avoid overwhelming student with the amount of information viewed at a time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For multiple math problems or vocabulary words, mark off sections of smaller numbers ● If there is a multiple choice question, eliminate one or

		two options.
Reduce amount of writing	To allow students to show knowledge without frustrating them due to difficulties with handwriting and comprehension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the writing content is more important than quantity • Start sentences with a few words
Copies of notes	To reduce the amount of writing a student must do, to support them listening to instruction instead of keeping up with notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Printing out notes will help your child to pay attention to instruction • They can use highlighters or pencil to mark on text that is printed
Allow breaks	To help with focus, fatigue, and allow for movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting a timer for work, short intervals • Talk with child about about specific directions/expectations for break (where, how long, what activities) Examples: 5 min, outside, or 2 min, drawing, or 10 min playing computer

These are just a few examples of how to implement classroom accommodations at home, but there are many more! Please feel free to share tips with me and I can share with others.

For specific information about your child's IEP accommodations, please email me at marshalle@wcde.org

Wishing you all the best health and special moments with your family,

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