General Education Classroom Accommodations

An accommodation is a change in how a student may access information and demonstrate learning. An accommodation does not substantially change the instructional level, content, or performance criteria. The change is made in order to provide a student with equal access to learning and equal opportunity to demonstrate his/her knowledge. The following is not a comprehensive list of all classroom accommodations, but a collection of those that are commonly implemented throughout all grades.

Environment	Presentation	Instructional Strategy
 □ Predictable, structured learning environment □ Provide consistent routines □ Preferential seating (be specific) □ Post visual schedule 	 ☐ Reduce visual clutter: fewer items on page, simplify format ☐ Graphic organizers / checklists ☐ Visual cues / symbols / acronyms ☐ Reduce quantity of problems without changing content 	 □ Provide models / exemplars □ Provide story and sentence starters □ Underline or highlight important directions / key words □ Break multi-step tasks into step by step process □ Break long-term project into small segments
Attention/Organization	Communication	Classroom Assessments
 ☐ Small group to decrease distractions ☐ Use of checklist for multistep directions ☐ Break down lengthy, multistep directions into smaller steps ☐ Graphic organizers / story starters ☐ Provide cue words to help sequence ideas for writing ☐ Checklist for editing ☐ Preferential seating – be specific ☐ Verbal / visual cues for redirection ☐ Breaks as needed ☐ Check planner daily ☐ Individual organizational systems ☐ Allow student to vary position while completing work, such as: stand at desk, sit on rug 	☐ Break down verbal information into smaller chunks ☐ Repeat or rephrase verbal information and directions ☐ Checklist for multi-step directions ☐ Frequent comprehension checks to ensure understanding ☐ Allow extra time to process, formulate and respond ☐ Verbal reminders to utilize to use word retrieval strategies and/or provide phonetic cues and verbal prompts to help with word retrieval ☐ Pair visual cues with auditory information ☐ Develop system of communication between home and school	 ☐ Frequent breaks ☐ Untimed ☐ Specified area in classroom ☐ Noise buffers ☐ Reduce amount of information on page ☐ Repeat and/or clarify test directions ☐ Use of a place marker ☐ Provide study guide prior to assessment ☐ Redirect student attention to test

Social/Behavioral	Assistive Technology	Sensory
☐ Use of classroom behavior incentive program ☐ Provide clear behavioral expectations ☐ Warnings of change in schedule / transitions ☐ Reminders of rules and expectations ☐ Teacher-directed breaks ☐ Positive reinforcement and encouragement ☐ Provide access to counseling staff and/or social development skills group (Lunch Bunch)	 ☐ Place marker for reading ☐ Provide bright ruler/highlighter for help with alignment/margins ☐ Type written assignments as needed ☐ Listen to audio stories for comprehension ☐ Use of computer-based program to reinforce skills ☐ Pencil grip ☐ Provide clipboard to stabilize paper 	☐ Use of fidget toys ☐ Allow student to vary position while completing work, such as: stand at desk, sit on rug ☐ Use of seat cushion/wedge ☐ Allow sensory breaks as needed ☐ Diffused lighting ☐ Reduced visual clutter ☐ Noise buffers