

## CHECKLIST

# Classroom Accommodations for Students with Dyslexia

Accommodations are instructional adjustments made to enable students “to demonstrate their knowledge, skills, and abilities *without* lowering learning or performance expectations and without changing what is being measured” (IDA, 2020).

Here is a list of classroom accommodations educators can provide their students with dyslexia.

### **Classroom Setting**

- Publicly display schedule and routines
- Special seating (place students near the front of the room or near the teacher’s; students also benefit from sitting next to a student with higher reading ability or a student that can assist in class routines)
- Noise canceling headphones, if available
- Separate testing room

### **Time and Schedule**

- Extra time on assessments or completing assignments
- Frequent brain breaks

### **Organization**

- Planner
- Multi-pocket folder for organizing multiple subjects
- Self-monitoring checklist

### **General Instructional Supports**

- Pre-teach new concepts and vocabulary before reading texts
- Supply graphic organizers for reading and writing
- Provide visual or audio support for notes presented in class
- Review directions to ensure that students understand what is being asked
- Break up assignments into smaller steps or chunks
- Provide additional practice in school or for homework to ensure mastery of skills

### Reading Supports

- Audiobooks
- Text-to-speech software or screen reader
- Electronic dictionary
- Digital annotation tools
- Reading buddy (pairing up students of higher reading ability with students with dyslexia or mixed age reading buddies)
- Reading ruler to stay focused when reading line by line

### Writing and Spelling Supports

- Keyboarding
- Spell checks
- Grammar checks
- Speech-to-text software

**NOTE:** Modifications differ from accommodations provided to students, as modifications change the learning content or reduce the performance expectation to some degree. On the other hand, accommodations have the same content requirements but can be completed through the various methods as noted above.

#### REFERENCE:

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