

GRAFFITI

Curricular Adaptation Ideas
for Children with Special Needs

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[Dr. Patrick Schwarz](#), a speaker for [Spectrum Training Systems](#), has all of his session attendees participate in a brain-storming session called "Graffiti." The activity is so named because the participants write their ideas on giant Post-It Notes attached to the conference room walls.

Each subject below represents a part of daily school life. These lists are full of ideas and activities that adults can facilitate or provide for school-aged children. They can be especially helpful for those children who may need activities adapted to suit their social needs, learning styles and educational levels.

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MATH SKILLS

“9’s” manipulation trick
A+ Math website
Abacus
Active 1:1
Adapted calculators
Aplusmath.com
Assistive technology
Balancing checkbook
Base 10 blocks
Battleship
Beads
Bingo, dominoes
Books like M & M
Budgeting
Calculators
Calendars
Classroom suite
Coins in a triangle
Coin-u-lator
Color code for place value
Community instruction (ie-trips to restaurants)
Computation charts
Computer programs
Consumables (food, stickers)
Consumer math
Cooking
Cooking/measuring
Counting bears
Coupons (comparing prices)
Cuisenaire rods
Decks of cards to build math problems
Diagrams of story problems
Dice
Digiblocks
Do the problems orally
Don’t have to show the work
Early Learning Suite
Error analysis
Fact tables on desk or note cards
Family Game Kits for home – reinforce
Fantasy sports
File folders that tell math concepts
Flash cards
Floor graphs

Foldables to teach fractions
Formula sheet on desk
Fraction bars
Fraction strips
Frequent breaks
Funbrain.com
Geo-boards
Geometry Sketch Board
Graph paper for lining up problems
Graph paper or boxes for alignment
Graphic organizer
Grocery/Department store ads
Group work
Guess and check
Guided notes
Hands-on manipulatives
Hands-on-equations
Has to have meaning- ex: \$
Highlight key words in story problems
Hip hop math
Human number line
Hundreds charts, multiplication charts
Identify which answer is NOT correct
Individual Dry Erase Boards
Individualized math drills
Intellimathics
Internet4classrooms.com
Judy clocks
Key math
Keywords to help with problem solving
Leap frog products
Level based
Lower level math book (Globe Fearon)
Magic math words
Making a budget
Manipulatives for decimal points
Matching
Matching – TEACCH Strategies
Math Blaster
Math circus video
Math fact videos
Math games
Math grab bag
Math in real situations- checkbook, painting room, buying wallpaper
Math to music
Math visuals/ posters with graphs and charts

Measurement
Measuring cups and spoons
Measuring tapes
Mental math
Mentors
Mnemonic devices (PEMDAS, FOIL etc.)
Modeling
Money program
Multiplication chart
Multiplication tables on tape
Multiplication the FUN way
Music CDs
Myschoolhouse.com
No timed tests
Notes
Number grids
Number lines
Number scavenger hunt
Overhead calculator (to teach)
Palm pilot
Pattern blocks - velcro
Peer tutors
Picture math stories
Pie wedge
Place value games
Post-It notes
Pre-teach vocabulary
Problem solving
Quality not quantity
RAP math facts audio tape
Read It, Draw It, Solve It
Real life math- trip to the store
Real money math problems
Recipes
Relate math to songs
Riddle math
Round the World math game
Ruler
Run school store
S.N.A.P.
Schoolhouse rocks math
Sequencing
Shopping
Shorter assignments
Simulations
Skip counting

Songs/music
Sorting activities
Sports page stats
Sticker in lieu of writing
Store (discounts, money)
Story problems
String math
Success Maker
Talking rulers
Teach timer
Teach vocab
Tests read aloud
Times tables
Touch Master
Touch math
Touch Point math
Toy ATM/Cash register
Treasure Math Storm
Turbo Math
Twist and Shout Leap Frog
Uni-fix cubes
Use of menus
Use ruler for number line
Using real money
Versatiles
Visual addition/subtraction cards
Visual graphs
White boards

MUSIC, CHOIR AND BAND

Auditory trainer for choir
Band leader job
Centers with different instruments
Color coded notes
Colorize piano keys
Dance with music
Different performance roles
Electric piano keyboards with headphones for student
Experiment with bells, tambourines, cranks
Field trip to musical theater or performance
Guess that song
Hands on experience with instruments
Headphones used if noise level is too loud
Mnemonics for notes (ACEG=All Cows Eat Grass)
Motions to songs
Movement during class for K-6
Movie songs
Music related research to replace participation
Music therapy
Music videos
Nature tapes/CD's to calm
Peer tutor for instruction, practice time
'Pick an instrument' day or exchange instruments
Plug one ear while singing
Practice drums with headphones for only student who is drumming to hear
Private practice rooms
Providing alternatives to singing
Quiet area
Relate different class topics (i.e. Latin America and "Carmen" opera)
Slow down favorite music to teach notes
Smaller groups for performance
Student conductors
Use everyday things to make sounds- glasses, staplers, typing
Use PVC pipe phones during chorus
Use students' favorite songs or artists
Visuals
Watch musical film/theater
Words on tape for songs

NOTE TAKING

AAC device
Agenda given out before discussion
Allow use of own written notes for test/quiz
Alpha-Smart
Assigned note taker
Assignment notebooks
Audio tape
Bullets and boxes on important info
Carbon copies
Carbonless paper
Chunk
Color coded paper
Color coordinating
Colored markers/pens
Colored paper
Copy of notes
Copy of transparencies
Cornell notes
Cut and paste given notes into notebook
Dictation
Draw pictures for concepts
Email notes
Explicit instruction of how to take notes
Find important, priority information
“Gentle” paper colors
Graphic organizers
Graphs
Grocery list groupings
Guided notes (Fill in the blank)
Handwriting Without Tears
Highlight actual book, extra copy
Highlight prepared notes
Highlighting
Illustrations
Imitation
Interactive white board (SMART Board)
Kansas learning strategy
Kidspiration
KWL charting
Laptop
Larger print
List key terms only
Main idea and supporting details
Modeling

Non Carbon Paper
Note taker paper
Note taking buddy
Outline
Overhead projector
Partial note taking
Peer matching
Peer takes notes
Photocopy
Post-it-notes
Power Point handout
Professional note taker
Provide a framework (skeleton) to fill in (graphic organizer)
Provide study guide for students
RAP (read, ask, paraphrase)
Rewrite own notes
Scaffolding the notes
Scribes
Short hand
Smart boards
SQ3R
Staff take notes and pass on to student- students can highlight important points
Stamps, markers, etc.
Student given outline- fill in the blanks
Study guide
Take notes only on test material
Tape recorders
Teach Cornell note-taking system
Teach how to pick out salient info
Teacher 'bullets' notes on overhead that need to be copied
Teacher model on overhead
Teacher's notes
T-notes
Trade in students notes for teachers notes- good trade for effort
Underlining
Use "fun" writing materials (gel pens, fancy pencils)
Use a mapping strategy
Use laptop or Alpha Smart
Venn diagrams
Video recorder
Visual organization of information
Webbing
Webs (color coded)
Website posted notes
Weighted pencils
Words, picture combination

ORAL PRESENTATION

AAC device
Alter voice
Alternate assignments: write report, create model, take test
American Idol
Another student reading report out loud
Answer questions regarding stories (open-ended)
Anxiety reduction activities
Assistive technology
Audio tape/prerecorded
Augmentative communication devices
Back toward audience
Bag report
Charades
Cheerleading
Choral speaking
Choral/partner reading
Circle time activities
Cloth/rope to wrap hand while speaking- beginning & end, option of fast/slow
Colored overlays
Comedy
Community circles
Cue cards for time left
Cue cards/nonverbal signals
Debate
Demonstration on real life experiences
Design a web page
Dictated on recorder, then played
Diorama
Display boards
Do oral interviews before the presentation
Draw or take pictures
Dress as a character
Dynavox, DynaMo, Go-Talk
Field trips to observe speakers
Give clear expectations on time and content
Give option of passing during Q&A
Group with assigned roles
How-to demo
Involve topics of intense focus
Job in a group project (point to display)
Karaoke
Let children retell stories
Lip sync
Make a poster

Make it into a game
Meaning to presentation/relevance
Memorization
Microphones
Music Props
Music therapy
Narrow scope of topic
News reports
Note cards
Old TV to present through
One person talks, one person acts it out
“Oprah”
Outline
Overhead projector
Pantomime
Partner up with visual aid
Partnering
PECS symbols
Performance assessments
Photo story
Picture presentation
Podium/Stand
Pointer
Power Point
Practice in front of mirror
Practicing to small group
Predetermined group that student is comfortable with
Pre-rehearsed questions following presentation
Present behind podium
Present to teacher first, then audience
Present with buddy
Present with poster
Presenting to teacher only
Pretending to be assigned character
Props, visual aides
Puppet shows
Rap
Readers workshop
Rehearsing
Relaxation techniques
Review progression of steps
Role playing
Rubrics
School PA announcements
Scripts
Sensory activities

Shorten presentation
Show and tell
Show tape instead of presenting
Signing
Singing bee
Singing/dancing
Sitting at desk while presenting
Slide show set to music
Small object to fidget to control large fidgets
Smaller audience
Smart board
Social story before
Speaker phone delivered from another home
Start at comfort level: example: Touching numbers on a calendar
Starting early so it is not as intimidating
Storytelling
Student directed grading/rubric
Student news show
Student of the week
Students own work space
Switches/augmentative communication
'Talking stick' to pass around
Teleprompter
Theatre/plays
Tri-fold poster presentation'
TV interview
Use of costume-fake glasses, cape, hat, etc.
Use of cue cards
Use topics of interest for presentation
Video tape
Visual cues- i.e. props
Visual outline/map to organize thoughts
Visualize audience in underwear
Watch video examples of yourself and others
Wax people on/off
Wear sunglasses

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

ABC Yoga
Adapt curriculum to real life sports activities
Adapt rules
Adaptive activities (limit number of repetitions)
Adaptive equipment
Address equipment issues- Size of bats/balls/netting/other
Allow water bottles
Alternate PE with sensory activities
Alternative activities allowed in one group
Alternatives to activity planned (three choices)
Audit the class
Auditory signals to cue movement
Balloons instead of balls
Basic skills
Be a spectator
Block off unused gym
Brain gym
Break skill down into step by step
Cage ball
Calming area to go to
Carpet in room- less noise
Centers
Change of environment- not in big gym
Choose favorite activity
Control environmental distractions
Cooperative games
Create encouraging, team atmosphere
Cross lateral exercises
DAPE – adaptive P.E.
DDR
Define area with tape on floor
Designated position or sub
Earplugs or headphones
Exercise to energizing music
Extended time in locker rooms
Extra appropriate activities (sand table at their height)
Extra P.E.
Extra trainer or helper
Eye toy
Finger exercises
Fitness rather than competition
Fitness room/training
Follow the leader, Simon says, etc.
Free throws

Games for social skills and other rules
Go outside
Goal setting
Golf teeing
Grade for effort
Grade level inclusion
Hat to cover eyes because of lights
Incorporate health
Keyed or word locks versus combinations
Larger equipment or modified equipment
Leisure activities
Let students choose
Limited time
Lower net (volleyball/basketball)
Map of gym
Mats in classroom
Meditation or calming after class
Model
Modeling good sportsmanship
Modified goals
Modified tests
Modified uniform- Only change shirt
Music
No dress requirement or over clothes
No whistles/clapping
Noise level reduction
Non-competitive
Nontraditional sports (bowling, skiing)
Not required to change into gym clothes
Obstacle course
Opt out
Para-assistance
PE partners
PECS to match
Peer helpers
Peer involvement
Personal space for belongings
Picture cues
Picture schedule
Planned breaks
Post rules- with pictures
Pre-rehearsal of skills, using video demonstration
Pre-teach
Pre-teaching of skills and sub-skills
Provide PE clothes
Quiet zone

Read a book on a particular sport or heroes in the sport
Relaxing music
Repetition / re-teaching
Replace typical P.E. with interests (yoga, pilates, etc.)
Responsible peer partner
Reverse inclusion
Richard Simons exercise video
Role playing
Rules on school website
Score keeper
Script before attending PE re:expectations
Self-help skills
Send rules home before activity begins
Sensory equipment
Separate locker room
Short summer course
Smaller class
Social stories
Social story of expectations
STAFF SUPPORT
Staggered dismissal
Stations to provide choice
Step by step example stations
Stretching
Student chooses activity for the class
Student led games
Study guides
Tai-chi activities
Teach games- cribbage, etc.
Teach independent activities, i.e. rowing, bike riding
Teach vocabulary
Teacher assigned teams
Teacher helper (equipment manager)
Team building games
Time keeper
Training peers
Tramp jumping with net guards or holding bar
Use extra people to help accomplish tasks
Use imagination to help visualize
Use of vibrations, sounds, textures
Use of visual cues for team identification
Use of wheelchairs, scooters and shortened distances
Use stress balls and other sensory equipment to keep them focused
Various uses of body
Video modeling of various activities
Video: From Silly to Calm

Visual instruction/written game rules
Visual schedule/sequence activity
Visual supports- tasks/rules/directions
Visual system for pacing games/laps/timing
Walking on track or treadmill
Warm up sensory break
Weight lifting vs. other activities
Weighted vests, wrist weights- ONLY with OT supervision

READING & LITERACY

6 Traits writing
Accelerated reader
Acting, role playing
Adaptive books
Adaptive computer programs
Adjusted reading levels
Adult volunteers to read with them
Allow child to read topic of special interest
Allow to choose books
Alpha Smart
Alternating sentence/paragraph format
Amber sunglasses for lighting difficulties
Anticipatory set/pre-reading strategies
Art projects related to the materials
Balance Literacy
BIG books
Boardmaker
Books on tape, CD, or computer
Booktalk/Literature circles
Carl's corner
Certain color paper
Charting
Choral reading
Class books
Cliff notes
Cloze
Color overlays
Comic strip summaries
Computer assisted instruction- Kurzweil
Condensing text
Covering part of page
Cut-up sentence strips
DEAR
Destination success
DIBELS Activities
Direct instruction
Don Johnson software
Dr. Jean – using music with familiar songs/books
Driver's Ed.
E.A.R.L.. D.E.A.R., D.I.R.T., D.O.L.
Earobics
Easy read novels with controlled vocabulary
Edmark
EZC Reader

Fast forward reading online program
Flannel board
Flash cards
Fluency builders
Foldables
Frequent pauses for comprehension
Frontload with author info
Graduated page edges to facilitate page turning
Graphic novel
Graphic organizers
Guided reading
High interest
Highlighter, drawing story, telling
Highlighting key concepts
Hooked on Phonics
Incorporating sensory (sand writing, shaving cream)
Increasing background knowledge
Interactive CD
Internet
Inventive spelling
Job Application/Postings
Jolly Phonics
Kinesthetic (Project Read)
KWL's
Language experience story
Language Master
Leap pads
Leapfrog
Letter tiles-magnetic letters, tactile letters
Leveled reading
Lexia reading program
Library trips, pick own books
LIPS-decoding
Living books
Magnetic letters
Make own newspaper
Making words
Modified stories
Move and sit cushion
Music/Lyric writing integration
News2You.com
Newspaper
Nursery rhymes
Oral reading
Oral storytelling with retelling
Orton Gillingham Program

Paired reading
Peer reading/partner reading
Pen pals
Phonemic awareness
Phonics
Picture It
Picture sequencing
Plays
Popcorn
Post-it-notes
Priming activities
Progress monitoring-Word Count
Pseudo words
Public library use
Puppets
Read 180
Read at Day Cares or Senior Centers
Read Naturally
Read out loud
Read to dog
Reader rabbit DVD
Readers Theater
Reading clubs
Reading daily newspaper
Reading experience stories
Reading Mastery - SRA
Reading Milestones
Reading strategies, make connections, ask questions
Reading to younger kids
Reading tutors
Reading workshop
ReadingA-Z.com
ReadingRockets.com
Rebus stories
Reciprocal teaching
Record self reading and listen to self
Repeated reading of same material
Repetitive books
Rephrase, change evaluation questions (T/F to M/C or M/C to T/F)
Rewards – decoding
Rhyming games
Rigby series
Role play
Selecting books with popular characters
Sequencing activities
Shared reading

SIO
Slant boards
Sonday System
Sound sheets
SRA
Stamps, markers, etc.
Starfall.com
Start-to-finish books
Stories containing the child
Story cubes for choice
Story mapping
Story prompts
Story starters
Story telling puppets
Structured repeated reading
Student dictated books
Students choose reading materials- based on interest/reading ability
Summer reading incentives
Supplementary materials with common topic
Teacher-made adapted book with built-in activity per page
Teaching idioms, summarizing, and predicting
Trivial fact sheet
Use manipulatives- reading rods, pocket chart
Use of switch
Value tales
Visual reading program- multi-sensory
Visualization
Vocab/Spelling words in shaving cream, gel paint, sponge or stamp letters
Voyager-journeys Program
V-Tech Interactive T. V.
Waterford program
Weekly Reader
“Wh” question picture cards
Whisper phones with PVC pipe
Wilson Reading Program
Word and picture relations
Word bank
Word families
Workmaker
Writing their own autobiography
Writing with symbols
Writing Without Tears

SOCIAL SKILLS

1-10 scale for rating feelings
ABA
Acting
Adopt-a-Class
Adopt-a-Grandparent
Advocacy groups
Animal therapy
Arts enrichment
“Asperger’s, What Does it Mean to Me?” book
Attendance incentives
Attendance monitor
Bake sales
Big Brothers, Big Sisters
Birthday parties
Board games
Book buddies (possibly cross-age)
Book writing (across grade levels)
Boy/Girl Scouts
Buddy system
Building behavior finger play
Bullying programs
Business partnerships
Center time – dramatic play, cooperative play, parallel play
Character Ed. (7 pillars)
Character education books
Church
Circle of friends
Class meetings
Class pet
Classroom responsibilities
Clear thinking
Clover-Kids, pre 4-H program
Clubs
Cognitive behavioral counseling
“Comic Strip Conversations” book
Communication lab
Community based instruction
Community building
Community forum
Conflict bridge
Conversation/discussion group
Cooking group
Cooperative learning groups
Craft and art projects

Daily life skill encounters
Daily routine chart with built in social cues to force interaction
Dances
Direct social skills instruction – large and small group
Distance from aides
Earn playing with a friend and choice of activity
Earned chat time
Educating classmates
Errand runner
Extended day
Extra curricular activities
Facilitated peer practice
Field trips
Floor time
Football managers
Friendship groups
Game – Conversation start-ups
Game time
Games for taking turns
Garden
Grace and courtesy lesson
Have them do morning announcements
Having tea
"Hidden Curriculum" book
Hobby group/camp
I can solve problem activities
Identifying facial emotions- cards, video, boardmaker
Indoor recess social skills training
Job training
Job/responsibility
Jobs with staff to develop skills and friendships
Journals
Label classmates photos
Love & Logic
Lunch bunch
Match.com
Mentor program
"Mind Reading" software
Mix it up Day at lunch tables by birthday, color, etc.
Modeling
Morning meeting
Music
Music therapy
"Navigating the Social World" book
NSSRA/NWSRA Co-op groups
Numbered heads together

Office aide
Organized games at recess
Outdoor games
Outings
Outside agency groups – Play, social, floor time
P.E. buddies
Pass out snacks in class
Peaceable school
PECS
Peer buddies – cross age groups
Peer leadership groups
Peer tutors
Peers as experts for play
Pen pal
People PE
Pick a buddy/friend
Picnics
Play buddies
Play date
Playground opportunities
Playgroup partners
Positive peer groups
"Power Cards" book
Pre-teaching sports and recess games
Problem solver for “Dear Abby”
Problem solving
Project Achieve
Puppets
Random acts of kindness
Reading buddy
Recess buddies
Relationship Development Interventions (RDI)
Rent a friend
Reverse Inclusion
Role playing
Role playing to practice upcoming events and situations
Saturday night get-togethers (have parents rotate weeks)
School dances
School functions
School reading night
School reporter to interview people in school community
School store
School weatherman
Script Practice
Scripted activities
Self regulation programs

Service learning projects
Sharing MP3's
Show and tell
Skill streaming
Social games that promote communication (The Un-game)
Social groups
Social mapping
Social networking (My space, facebook)
Social scripting
Social skills, behavior mapping
"Social Skills Picture Book"
Social Stories
Special Olympics
Sports
STAR (stop, think, act, react)
Student council members
Study groups
"Super Skills" book
Support groups
Table grouping
Tea party
Teach appropriate social norms: hand shaking, door holding, greeting, personal space
Teach Polly Nichols- University of IA
Teachable moments
Teacher/student relationship
Team building games
Team manager
Think/pair/share
"Thinking About You, Thinking About Me" book
Tolerance training
Tutoring
University shadows
Use of TV clips to teach emotions
Video taping correct social behavior
Videos of children interacting
Videos/films/ TV clips
Volunteering
Work in the school store
Write three of your attributes and let peers guess who

TECHNOLOGY, COMPUTERS, & ELECTRONIC AND MECHANICAL DEVICES

4-Square
Adapted keyboard
Adapted mouse
Adjust font size, zoom text
Airliners
Alpha Smart
AtoZteacherstuff.com
Battery operated toothbrushes
Big Mac
Black Hawk
Board maker
Books on tape
Braille
Buddy Brush
Calculator
Calculator with large buttons
CD Alphabet beats: capital and small letters
CD players
Cell Phone
Chairs
Cheap Speak
Classroom Suite
Coin-u-lator
Color coded keys
Computer
Computerized Appliances
Computerized books
Computerized educational games/programs
Computerized/electronic notepad
Cover screen as necessary
Co-Writer
CPS (clickers) system
Curriculum re-enforcer programs
DANA
Desks
Destination Success
Digital camera or video recorder
Do2Learn.com
Draft builder
Dragon Naturally Speaking
DS games
Dynavox
Ear Airobics
Edhelper.com

Electronic dictionary
Electronic organizers
Elmo
Enlarged keyboard (color coded)
Enlarging
Eye Gaze
Fast Forward
Fat pencil/pens
Flat screen monitors
Franklin Speller
funBrain.com
Game Boy reinforcements
Geo Safari
Geometry Sketch Board
Go-Talker
Graphic organizers
Head pointer keyboarding
Head switch
Hip Talker
Homophones
I Listen
Individual Dry Erase Boards
Inspiration
IntelliKeys
Intellimathics
Internet
ipod
Jelly Bean Switches
Key guard
Keyboard in alphabetical order
Kurzweil
Language Master
Laptop computer with larger keys
LCD projectors
Leap Frog
Leap Pad
Living Books
Magnifier
Math Blasters
Math pad
Math tutorials
Mebsites, ex. Intellipecs
Microsoft Word
Mimio
Motivaider
Move keyboard from normal to ABC or one-handed keyboard

myRewardboard.com
Nova net labs
Overboard
Palm Pilot
Palms
PBSkids.com
PECs
Pencil grips
Phonological software
Picture It
Pix Writer
PLATO Software
Pocket dictionary
Power Point
Programs that only use specific keys
Promethean
QIAT list serve
Quick Pad
Raised line paper
Read and tell software
Read and Write Gold
Read Please
Reading Pen
Research rather than reading a book
Reward reinforcement
Rifton
Scanners
Seating/positioning
Sensory Equipment- Lights, Massage, etc.
Simon Sounds it Out
Slant Boards
Slide show presentation
Smart Board
SOLO
Sound system for attention
Speaking Dynamically
Spell checker
Springboard
Squishy pad chairs
StarFall.com
Step-by-step device
Stickers on mouse to reinforce R/L
Stop and Tell
Story reader
Study island
Success Maker

Super Hawk
Switches
Talking calculators
Talking cash register
Talking dictionary
Talking wrist watches
Tape recorder
Teach keyboarding, internet safety
TEACHER TRAINING ON ALL THIS STUFF!
Tech Speak
Tech Talk
Timers
Timers (silent and auditory)
Touch screen
Touch sensitive keyboard
Translator
Tripp-Trap Chair
United streaming
Vantage
Vibracoustic mat
Video and computer games related to subject
Voice activated computer
Voice output devices
Voice recognition devices
Watch minder
Websites with adaptive games
Wiggle seat
Word
Word prediction software
WordCentral.com
Wrist Talker
Write out loud
Writing with symbols
Wynn

TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS

1:1 testing
Advance notice, no pop quizzes
Allow correction of mistakes
Allow student to stand, sit, pace
Allowed to use a note card
Alternate way of showing knowledge, video, audio
Alternative setting (small group) no distractions
Answer in test booklet vs. bubble sheet
Answers on sticky notes- student chooses
Assistive tech: heavy pencils, highlight paper, scratch paper
Audio assistance
Averaging grades to allow multiple attempts
Avoid always, sometimes, never questions
Braille test
Break test into sections
Built in breaks
Calculators
Chunking
Circle instead of fill in the blank
Classical music
Cloze method
Computer testing with modifications
Concept mapping
Control visual field
Corrections for partial credit
Cut/paste answers
Demonstrate with manipulatives
Demonstration to indicate mastery of skills
Diagram labeling
Dictate answers
Different fonts
Discussion on points in class before testing
Divergent assessment
Don't grade on spelling, only content
Draw test
Each student writes a question
Email test to student to complete online
Equal score for each part of class- quizzes, homework, attendance
Explain vocabulary/reword question
Extra credit opportunities-2nd chance points
Fewer assessment areas on a given test/narrower scope
Formula sheets
"Gentle" paper colors
Give test in advance as study guide

Given by a familiar person
Group/individual testing
Have labels made when the student has to label/write diagrams
Have student teach information
Headphones
Highlight key words
Icons
Index card used for test
Interview the student
Kurzweil 2000- computerized assessment
Large print
Lighting
Limit multiple choice
Limit test items
Limit to key points
Longer amount of time
More performance based projects/assessments
More quizzes- more frequent, but less content
More white space
Multiple choice
Multiple choice with picture cards (velcro)
No Scantron
NO test!
No time limit
Nutshellmath.com
Omit abstract questions
One question per page
Open book tests
Open notes
Oral exams
PARTICIPATION EFFORT!
Pass-fail assessment
Picture cues for word bank
Picture portfolio depicting tasks mastered
Portfolio of work
Practice ACT
Practice taking the tests
Pretest
Problem solving assessment techniques
Process not product
Project based assessment
Provide extra time
Provide manipulatives
Qualitative data
Read directions to student
Read test aloud

Reduce number of items
Repeated opportunities with increasing prompting levels
Rephrase on test
Retest option
Review games
Rubric/choose your grade
Scanning the test
Sensory breaks
Separate setting
Snacks/water before test
Someone to fill in Scantron
Space test from each other
Stampers for answers
Start test before class to finish in given time
Student allowed to read questions out loud
Student created tests
Study groups
Study guides
Take tests with stamps or stickers
Take-home test
Teach test taking skills/strategies
Teacher cues in margin
Teacher observation
Test available in multiple formats
Test Taker Program
Use a variety of testing modes-multiple choice, and/or, T/F, short answer
Use internet practice tests
Use mints, sour sucker, hard candy, gum etc.
Use of augmentative
Use page protector and marker overlay
Use scribe
Use Time Timer
Use visuals
Word banks
Write on test vs. scantron

WRITING

4 square writing
Adaptive paper
Adaptive writing utensils
Alpha Smart
Alphabet beats
Alternating color lined paper
Bing, Bang, Bongo
Block and foam letters
Brainstorming- K(now) W(ant) L(earn)
Breaks
Buddy writer
Business letters
Carbon paper for taking notes
Cartooning with dialogue
Choice of writing materials
Class diary/Individual diary
Classroom suite
Cloze activities
Color code (green-topic; yellow-supporting details; red-conclusion)
Complete my sentence (group work)
Cooperative writing (telephone style)
Covered overlays
Co-writer
Crayons with large 'bulbs' for gripping
Daily journal
Daily oral language activities
Dialogue for Cartoons
Dictate to teachers, peer, tape
Dictating to peer or teacher
Dictation
Digital dictionary
Ditto...
Dotted lines and tracing
Dot-to-dot instruction
Draftbuilder
Dragon Naturally Speaking (speech recognition software)
Drawing picture stories
Fill in the blank
Finger paint
Fingerboard
Foldable paper organs
Franklin spellers
Free writing
Give expectations for number of words/sentences

Give fewer, more detail papers
Glitter glue
Glue lines
Graph paper
Graphic organizer
Group generated stories
Guided questions
Hamburger model
Handi-writer
Handwriting without Tears
Highlighting
I Books
Illustrated writing
Individual dry erase boards
Inspiration
Intellikeys
Interactive writing
Job applications
Journals
Kansas learning strategies
Keyboard- computer/typewriter
Kid Pix
Kidspiration
Kurzweil
Label-maker
Lap tops
Large/small pencils
Leapster- Letters on the Loose
Letter and number strip on desk
List writing
Mad Libs
Mapping
Mechanical pencils
Mini dictionary of words they know
Model writing
Modeling
Movements with hands
Never give up
Note taking
Notes on website
Occupational therapy
Outlines
Overhead modeling
Paint in Ziploc bag
Peer editing
Pencil grips, weighted pencils

Personal voice
Photo journal
Pick own topic
Picture prompts
Picture writing
Pix writer software
Play doh
Pocket Chart
Post-It notes
PPT
Predictive text
Pre-teaching
Pre-writing
Priming activities
Printing, not cursive
Progressive writing
Prompting (visual, draw)
Prompts in classroom
Proofreading strategies (capitalization, spelling, punctuation)
Puffy paint (tactile learning)
Rainbow writing
Raised line paper
Red-green dots- start to stop
Reduced number of paragraphs
Review of a rough draft
Rite line paper
Rubrics
Scribe
Sensible pencil
Sensory breaks
Sentence starters
Sentence strips
Sequencing activities
Share the pen activity
Shared purpose-meaning of writing
Shortened spelling list
Slanted writing surfaces
Smart board
Smart write
SOLO
Spacemen for word spacing
Spacers
Spell checkers/dictionaries
Squiggle Wiggle Writer...vibrating
Stamps and stamping words
Stencils

Story add-ons (class stories)
Story frame
Story in pictures
Story starters
Story template
Student created centers (parts of speech)
Student made newspaper
Symbol integration
Talk type
Tape paragraph
Tape student reading their written work and listen again
Teach cursive early
Timers
Tracing
Traffic light writing
Triangular shaped pencils
Type on computer rather than writing
Use Carpenters pencils
Use close method “ ____achary”
Use keyboarding
Use of tape recorder or video taping (no note-taking in the classroom)
Using dry erase boards
Using images as topics
Using manipulative object for spacing
Venn diagrams
Verbalizing and visualizing
Vibrating pen to appeal to sensory needs
Voice activated software
Voice Activated Typing/Writing Made Easy
Webbing
Weighted pencil
Weights-Sensory input
Wikki stix
Word banks
Word prediction programs
Wrist weights- ONLY under OT supervision
Write from cut-out pictures
Write Out Loud
Write story of favorite topic
Writer’s workshop
Writing across the curriculum
Writing in sand
Writing resource center
Writing with symbols