

## **Parental Suggestions on How to Support Your Special Needs Child**

- Setup a daily schedule that involves academic and leisure time- let your child be apart of the planning
- Reward your student for completing assignments
- Present materials in small increments
- Discuss rewards your child might want to work for
- Use a timer or a visual cue for work/break times
- Create an area in the home where work can be completely free of distractions

### **Common Accommodations (Changes the way information is presented)**

- Listen to audio recordings instead of reading text
- Learn content from audiobooks, movies, videos, and digital media instead of reading print versions
- Work with fewer items per page or line
- Work with text in a larger print size
- Read questions or passages aloud to student
- Hear instructions spoken aloud
- Use an index card or other materials to use when reading
- Use visual presentations of verbal material, such as word webs
- Get a written list of instructions
- Have student restate information
- Graph paper to assist in organizing or lining up math problems
- Quiet corner or room to calm down and relax when anxious
- Use of manipulatives
- Verbal and visual cues regarding directions and staying on task
- Agenda book and checklists
- Immediate feedback
- Work-in-progress check
- Personalized examples

### **Response accommodations (changes the way kids complete assignments or tests)**

- Give responses in a form (spoken or written) that's easier for them
- Dictate answers to a scribe who writes or types
- Capture responses on an audio recorder
- Use a spelling dictionary or digital spell-checker
- Use a word processor to type notes or assignments
- Use a calculator or table of "math facts"

Educational based websites for skill practice and review that can be used in conjunction with educational materials provided by teachers:

- <https://pbskids.org/>
- <https://www.coolmath.com/>
- <https://www.abcya.com/>
- <https://www.hoodamath.com/>
- <https://www.mobymax.com/>
- <http://www.readwritethink.org/>
- <https://scratch.mit.edu/>
- <https://storybird.com/>
- <https://www.starfall.com/h/>
- <https://www.scholastic.com/home/>
- <https://ziggityzoom.com/>
- <https://www.mathplayground.com/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Websites with social skill activities that can be done from home:

- <https://www.friendshipcircle.org/blog/2011/03/28/12-activities-to-help-your-child-with-social-skills/>
- <https://www.parentingscience.com/social-skills-activities.html>
- <https://www.encourageplay.com/blog/10-engaging-and-fun-social-skills-group-activities-for-kids>
- <https://healthiersfexcel.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/101-Ways-to-Teach-Children-Social-Skills.pdf>
- <https://nobelcoaching.com/emotional-skills/>

