

Occupational Therapy Tip Sheet

WRITTEN WORK MODIFICATIONS



What are written work modifications?

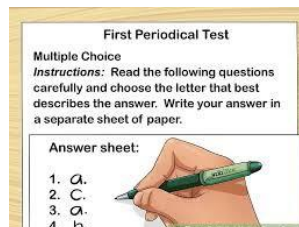
- These are changes to the amount or process of written work for students.
- Modifications may include photocopying notes, allowing typing, accepting verbal responses and reducing amounts of written work.

What student would benefit from written work modifications?

- A student who has trouble keeping up with the speed or amount of written work required

What are the benefits of modifying written work?

- To help students keep up with their workload and not fall behind
- To allow students to focus on the content by reading and reviewing a note rather than struggling to print
- To allow students to demonstrate their knowledge without being limited by poor printing skills



How can written work be modified for students?

Modifications for note-taking:

- Photocopy class notes/lessons for students to follow along, highlight important points and make their own notes along the margins or on a separate paper.
- Allow students to use voice-to-text technology.
- Have someone copy (scribe) notes for the student.
- Allow students to type notes.

Modifications for in-class written work:

- Reduce the number of questions expected of the student (e.g. every other question or every other spelling word).
- Use worksheets with multiple choice responses or fill-in-the-blanks.
- Allow students to take breaks as needed to rest their hands.

Modifications for written tests:

- Allow verbal responses to some or all of the test items.
- Allow point form responses to written test items.
- Use multiple choice or fill-in-the-blank test questions.

