

Accommodations and Differentiated Instruction as Reported by the Participants of the Patrick Schwarz Conference.

With two sets of nine subjects each, Patrick divided a room of 130 parents and educators into 18 groups to write their ideas of how a child can learn by using accommodations and differentiation to help a student be successful. Each group worked on their poster board for approximately 3 minutes and then each group rotated to the next poster board which contained a different subject. Each poster board was numbered 1 through 9 and the groups then came together with their corresponding group number. For example There were two of the number 1 poster boards and two of the number 2 poster boards and so on.

Each number represented a subject.

- #1 Reading/Literacy
- #2 Writing
- #3 Math Skills
- #4 Oral Presentation
- #5 Note Taking
- #6 Tests and Assessments
- #7 Physical Education
- #8 Technology, Software, Electronic & Mechanical Devices
- #9 Social Relationships

A spokes person was chosen for each group to then highlight the TOP THREE ideas chosen by the group. There were so many great ideas that the groups really had a hard time determining what the top three would be so we have decided to give you all the ideas within each group and have placed an asterick next to the groups top three choices,

Group #1 Reading / Literacy

Books on CD or Tape
Braille
Large Font
Peer Reading Groups **
Break-up (Chunking) story
Sequence Pictures
Abridged Books
Mini Books
Spark Notes
Double Spacing
Paper with raised lines
Using Communication Device for reading
Highlighter
Read 180
Bridges (McDougal)
News to You
A-Z Leveled Readers

Guided Reading Instruction
High Interest/Low Level reading
Writing with Symbols
Edmark Reading Program
Alternate Readers (Wilson, Read Naturally)
Book Maker
Buddy Echo Reading
Jolly Phonics
Quick Reads
Words Their Way (phonics)
Phonics Multisensory-visual/audio
Computer Reader
Graphic Novels
Making Connections: Text-to-text; Text-to-self: text-to-world;
Pre-reading
Vocabulary
Summarizing
Writing for Understanding

Sequencing
Reading Choice (topic)
Genre Selection
SRA – SRA Corrective Reading
Drama – Reinactment
Symbol Writer Software
Student Newsletter
Pnemonic Devices
Singing – Spelling Games “Popcorn”
Start – to – Finish
Multi-sensory reading programs (Wilson, Slant)
Simplify with main idea/ summaries **
Reading Strips to isolate line by line, Blocking
Tag readers / Leap Pad
Comprehension games
Pointer Stick
Sonday System
Literacy Websites / Software **
Reading Color Guide
Lexia
Earobics
Pix Writer
Games / Word Search / Crossword
Decoding Skills
Orton Gillingham / MSE
Wilson
LLI
Reading Mastery
Word Wall
Fisher Price Computer School
Razkids Website for Comprehension
Starfall Website for Literacy practice
Microsoft Word to condense text
Community Reading Volunteers
Project Read
Bonnie Kleid
Little Books
Patricia Oelwein Method
Sunform System
Sandpaper Letters
Repetition of Vocabulary
Scholastic Readers
Robust Vocabulary
Choral Reading

#2 Writing

Keyboarding – use of word processing to compose
Word Prediction Programs
Graphic Organizer
Slant Board
Pencil Grippers
Larger Pencil
Vibrating Pens
Handwriting without Tears
Scented Pencils
Write Out Loud
Co-Writer
Pixwriter
Dictate
Peer Writing
Kidspiration / Inspiration
Weighted Pencil
Tracing over highlighted and dotted text
Switching colors to keep interest
Writing letters inside of small boxes (Grid paper, Graft paper)
Raised line paper
Visual cues on paper (Red margins etc)
Hand exercising prior to writing
Stand up and write
Lay down to write
Write on Easel
Bold lined paper
Wide ruled paper
Use photographs to motivate writing (Gretchen Courtney Pictures)
Letter Stamps
Purposeful Writing (A Play Performance)
Word Walls for assistance
Overhead Examples
Occupational Therapy
Processing out loud with recorder
SOLO
Step-up To Writing
Writers Workshop
Organizer – Mapping and Graphic Organizers
Power Point
Story Starters
Wikki Sticks
Writing on different Plane (Chalkboard)

Using different Media for Sensory ie:
Pencils, markers, paint, finger tracing in salt,
chalk
Alpha Smart
Easy Grips

Smart Boards
Classroom mini store with money
Reinforce vocabulary (minus, subtract, take
away)
Kinesthetic movement games
Cooking / Measuring

#3 Math Skills

Manipulatives **
Talking Progression or Large digit
Calculator
Color Code
Graph Paper to keep numbers in line
Charts (Addition, Subtraction,
Multiplication)
Touch Math, Touch Money
Using Real money versus pretend money
Number line / Grid
Recipes (Sequencing)
Talking Cash Registers
Calculator**
Finger counting
Dominos, Dice, Math Bingo and Math
Games **
Praise – Encouragement
Clocks
Flash Cards
Visual Timers
Vending Machines
Fewer Problems on a page
School Store
Numicum
Larger Checkbook Ledger
Debit Card
Fast Math
Menu Math
Measurement Charts (Capacity, Volume)
Peer Tutoring
Computer Math Software
Context Shopping Life Skills
Puzzles
Sale Flyers
Fundraisers
Attribute Blocks
Dot – To – Dot
White boards
Geo Boards

#4 Oral Presentation

Practice **
Visual Supports **
Peer Assistance **
Augmentative Device (talker)
Tape Recording
Sign Language Speaker or Translator
Use of Notes / Pictures
Partnership
Power point
Use of Props
Video Record
Video Modeling
Role Playing
Microphone (Pretending)
Dress up as Character
Adapting length expectation to students
ability
Buddy Coach
Group Presentation
Overhead Projector
Outline / Handout for Audience
Board maker
Note Cards in Large Font
Photographs
Audience participation
Visual Cues for Eye Contact, Volume
Puppets
Readers Theatre
Dioramas
Social Story for Preparation
Smart Board
Pix Writer
Podium /Assistant

#5 Note Taking

Outline
Fill in the Blank with Large Font
E-Note Taking on Computer
Tape Recording
Use Highlighters / Markers / Post-it Notes
Pix Writer
Teacher email notes to parent
Note taker of the Day **
Team / Partner Approach
Pre-teach Content Words / Give Notes In Advance
Use Colored Paper for Organization / Visual Organizer
Alpha Smart
Smart Board **
Slide Notes
Purchase Notes (Cliff / Spark Notes)
Carbon Paper
Cloze Notes **
Overhead / Doc Camera / Power Point (Copy to student)
Use Picture Illustrations as notes
Communication Device notebooks
Picture Support for those who do not read or write
Guided Notes, Scribe
Peer sharing notes

#6 Tests / Assessments

Allow Extended Time / Sensory Breaks **
Reduce Number of Answer Choices **
Give Choices of Assessment **
Test in Small Groups / Alternate Settings / One-on-One
Allow use of tools such as Calculators, Manipulatives, Number Grids etc.
Allow for Verbal Response Instead of Written
Read Directions and Check for Understanding / Repeat Directions
Practice Test Day Before / Highlight Important Info
Test Receptively First then Test Expressively
Matching with Pictures for non readers
Minimize multiple choice answers to ability of student
Use Computer
Reduce amount of information given on a page (more white space)
Allow Open Book / Open Note Testing
Create Study Guide for home test taking strategies
Use Portfolios
Use Rubrics
Visual Supports
Calming Music
Show student correct answers after test
Encourage and Praise
Ongoing Informal Assessments
Test in Project Format
Do a Pre Test / Post Test
An Exit Slip
Complete on Computer / Touch Screen
Print Test in Large Font
Allow a Quiet Setting

#7 Physical Education

Buddy Up Kids and Staff **
Allow Wii Participation **
Allow Adaptive Equipment
Use a Visual Schedule (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
Small Groups
Extended Modeling of the Skill
Repeated Practice of the Skill
Use Picture Instruction
Right Size Equipment
Allow Head Phones / Ear Plugs for Noise
Breaking Down Tasks to Teach Skill
Go Outside
Inform Parents so Practice Can Take Place at Home
Adjust Length of Time of Participation to Child's Ability
Go To a School Sporting Event
Watch / View A Game on TV
Ask Physical Therapist to Adapt the Activity
Have the Child be a Team Manager
Booster Club
Randomly Pick Teams
Provide Choices Not Always Win or Lose a game
Ensure Everyone Gets a Turn
Encouraging Atmosphere
Teacher Modeling Participation
Respect Physical Limits
Build Endurance Over Time
Increase Number of Trials
Hand-over-Hand
Use PECS
Brain Education
Make the Activity Relevant
Zero Hour PE
Schedule Core Immediately Following PE
Move in all Three Planes of Motion
Larger Balls, Lower Baskets, Lighter Weights
Repetition
Add Music for Motivation

#8 Technology, Software, Electronic & Mechanical Devices

Software for All **
Laptop **
Smart Board**
LCD Projector
Board Maker
Icon /Word
Headphones
Document Cameras
Amplification system
Adapted Mouse, Keyboard, or Screen Communication Device
Individual Dry-Erase Boards for Every Student
Classroom Suite
Co-Writer
Write Out Loud
Alpha Smart
SOLO
Power Talk
Natural Reader
Wii
Podcasts
i-movies
Garage Band
Audio Books
Ipods
Leapfrog
Easyspeak
Listening Devices (ALD)
TDY Phone
Software Screen Readers for Blind & Visually Impaired
Bilingual Translating Software
CCTV
ZoomText for Low Vision
Graphic Dictionary & Speller
E-Books
Victor Stream (For Blind Readers)
JAWS (For Blind Readers)
Laser
Headgear
Slant Board
Smart Board
Intelli-Keys
Visual Timer, Vibrating Timer

Co-Writer, Write Out Loud, Draft Builder
A-Z Learning Raz/kids.com (Reinforces
comprehension)
Palm Pilot Organizer
Cell Phone
CD Player
Email
Google Documents
Talking Clock
Talking Calculator
Pix Writer
Tube – A – Loo (You talk into the Phone)
News – 2 – You
Compass Learning
Inspiration/Kidspiration
Big Mac (Switches)
Cloze Pro
Clicker 5
Earobics
Talking Toys / Dolls

#9 Social Relationships

Best Buddies, Peer Buddies, Lunch Buddies,
Peer Leaders, Partner Clubs
Friends of the Day
Theatre – role Playing
Conversation Starters
Circle of Friends
Peer Tutor
Play Dates
Extra Curricular Activities
Sib Shops
Photographs
Service Learning Projects
Social Event such as Dance
Positive Behavior Supports School Wide
Social Skills Instruction / Games
Field Trips, Team Building
Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Indian Princess
Park District Classes
Teen Center (Spectrum)
Special Olympics
Board Games
Telephone Buddies
Rainbows
Intramurals
Email – Pen Pals
Cross Grade Level Activities
Assemblies
SRA – NWSRA
UPS for DownS Teen Scene
TGIF
CEC
Special Needs Peer Friendship Group
Next Chapter Book Club
Self Advocate
Study Buddies
Recess
Fun Friday
Mix it Up Lunchroom Activities
Talent Show
Hobby Clubs, Collections
Parent Support Groups
Having a Job
Traveling to Expand Experiences
Power Cards, Social Cartooning, Backward
Chaining
Self Monitoring