



What are accommodations?

Accommodations are changes that remove barriers and provide you with equal access to learning. They may include:

- using different kinds of learning materials
- needing special testing options
- needing adaptive or assistive equipment

Accommodations should not create an "undue hardship" for the school. You may not get the most expensive or "best" accommodation, just one that will help you succeed. Some of these accommodations may be appropriate for you in the classroom and/or test setting:

- extra time
- individual tests
- frequent rest breaks
- calculator
- note takers
- sign language interpreters
- recorded, large print, or Braille
- recorded, typed, or dictated answers
- building access

Remember: You are encouraged to speak with the 504 Liaison or ESE Specialist about your need for accommodations.

Local Broward County Numbers:

Agency for Persons with Disabilities
954-467-4218

Broward County Transit (TOPS)
954-357-8400

Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education Department (CTACE)
754-321-8400

Center for Hearing and Communication
954-601-1930
954-601-1938 TTY

Division of Blind Services
954-746-1770

2-1-1 Broward
211

Broward Community Schools
754-321-7600

Broward Technical Colleges
754-321-5900

Talking Book Library of Broward County
954-357-7555

Vocational Rehabilitation
954-202-3800 Fort Lauderdale
954-893-5093 Hollywood
954-346-2828 Coral Springs

Important National Numbers:

American Printing House for the Blind
1-800-223-1839

Florida Literacy Coalition
1-800-237-5113

GED® Testing Service
1-877-392-6433

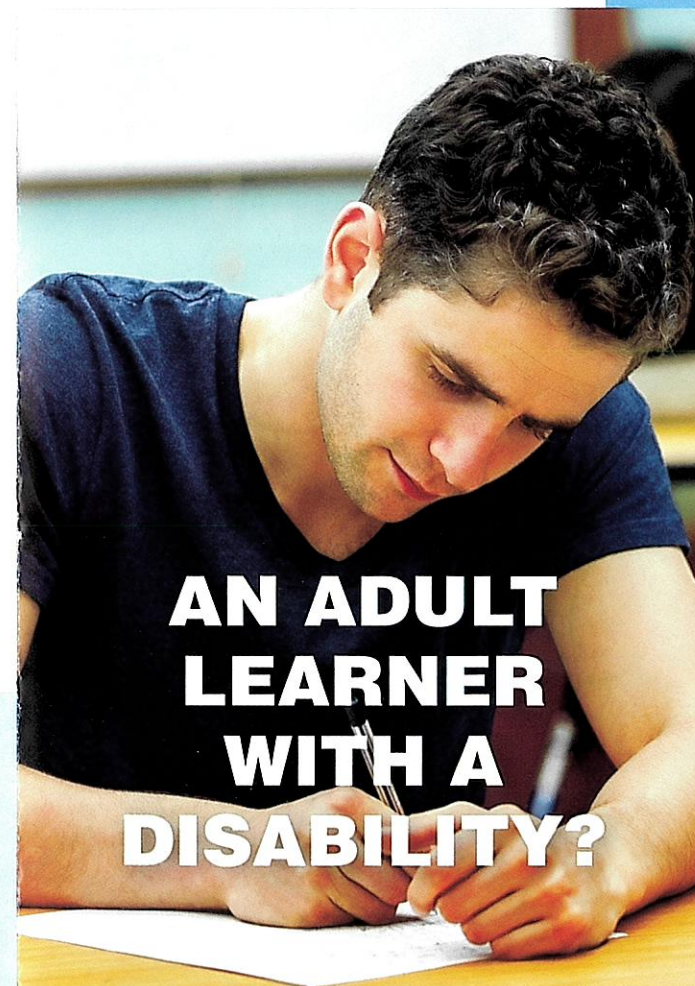
GED® Accommodations Line
1-800-466-0450

Job Accommodation Network
1-800-526-7234

Southeast ADA Center
1-800-949-4232

National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
1-800-424-8567

Vocational Rehabilitation
1-800-451-4327



AN ADULT LEARNER WITH A DISABILITY?

What you should know...

What is a disability?

A **disability** is a physical or mental disorder that limits one or more life activities, such as:

- walking, seeing, hearing, or breathing
- taking care of oneself
- learning
- working

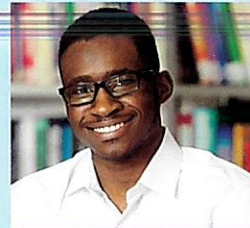
Adults with disabilities include, but are not limited to, persons with conditions, diseases, and infections such as:

- physical, vision, speech, and hearing disabilities
- epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis
- cancer, heart disease, diabetes, HIV
- intellectual disability
- emotional disability
- specific learning disability



Persons with a history of such condition(s), or otherwise considered as having such, are considered people with disabilities.

What you should know.....



As an individual with a disability, you are entitled to accommodations. Your needs should be discussed before enrolling in the program. The school will request documentation that provides information about your disability and learning needs.



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What You Can Do For Yourself

You are encouraged to tell your school's 504 Liaison or ESE Specialist about your need for accommodations if you want help.

You may bring reports and information about your need for accommodations. Examples include medical, psychological, or educational records or a vocational rehabilitation support plan.

The report(s) should have all of the following:

- description of how the disability affects learning
- recommendations for specific strategies
- list of accommodations in education that are deemed necessary

Your request should be based on your current abilities, as accommodation needs change over time.

You are encouraged to share with the 504 Liaison or ESE Specialist past strategies that have helped you succeed.

Become your own advocate!

You can learn better if you know how to help yourself.