ACCOMMODATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Career Education and Adult General Education

Note #1:
Rule 6A-6.0571 Vocational and Workforce Development Standards and Industry-Driven Benchmarks
1. District school boards and community colleges boards of trustees variance authority. District school boards of education and community colleges boards of trustees are authorized, to vary up to ten (10) percent of the intended outcomes of each framework included in the document: "Vocational Education Program Course Standards, July 1999," (revised annually) and the "Adult Education Program Course Standards, July 1999." The variance does not apply to frameworks identifying occupations requiring state or federal licensure, certification, or registration.

Note #2:
Rule 6A-6.0312 Course Modifications for Exceptional Students
1. Modifications to basic courses shall not include modifications to the curriculum frameworks or student performance standards. When modifying vocational education courses, the particular outcomes and student performance standards which a student must master to earn credit must be specified on the student's individual educational plan.

Note #3:
Modified Occupational Completion Points (MOCPs) are selected sets of student performance standards that fall between established occupational completion points identified in curriculum frameworks.

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http://www.firn.edu/doe/workforce
http://www.firn.edu/doe/workforce/tap.htm
- Technical Assistance Paper: Assessment of Adult General Education and Postsecondary Career and Technical Education Students
- Program Courses Standards
http://www.firn.edu/doe/dwdframe/

Florida Department of Education
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services
http://www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome/
- Planning FCAT Accommodations for Students with Disabilities, April 2004 (ESE 9603)
- Accommodations and Modifications for Students with Disabilities in Career Education and Adult General Education, 2005 (Guide, ESE 311201)

Note: Products listed above are available from the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Clearinghouse Information Center, 850/245-0477, e-mail: cibtlcics@FLDOE.org, or online at http://www.myfloridaeducation.com/commhome/clerhome.htm

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This brochure identifies accommodations and modifications that may be needed by students with disabilities in mainstream and specialized secondary and postsecondary career education and adult general education programs. Federal and state legislation requires the provision of accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities. These accommodations and modifications are identified on transition individual educational plans (IEPs) or 504 Plans (for secondary students) or other plans that may be used for individual students with disabilities at the postsecondary/adult level.

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* Generally, students need the same kinds of accommodations for both assignments and assessments.
** Accommodations provide access to required standards. They do not change the content or the skill level of standards expected. Modifications change the content, level of skill learned, or number of skills learned.
*** Assistive technology includes both “high tech” and “low tech” items.