What are accommodations?

Accommodations are changes made to help you learn the skill or do the work necessary for you to learn. They may include:

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

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

- extra time for testing and learning
- individual tests
- frequent rest breaks
- private work area
- calculators
- readers
- note takers
- oral or sign language interpreters
- tapes, large print or Braille
- taped, typed or dictated answers
- special class or test settings
- adaptive equipment
- written instructions
- assistive devices
- building access

Remember: You are encouraged to speak to the designee for Disability Services about your need for accommodations.

Numbers to Call

Ask your teacher or school staff to check which numbers would be most helpful for you.

American Printing House for the Blind, Inc.	1-800-223-1839
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	1-800-669-4000
Florida Literacy Coalition	1-800-237-5113
GED® Testing Service	1-877-392-6433
Job Accommodation Network	1-800-526-7234
Southeast ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Center	1-800-949-4232
National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	1-800-424-8567
Social Security Administration	1-800-772-1213

Local Numbers in Broward County:

Agency for Persons with Disabilities	Admin	954-467-4218
	Intake	954-713-3030
Broward County Transit (TOPS/Special Needs)		954-357-6794
Career, Technical, Adult and Community Education		754-321-8400
Center for Hearing and Communication		954-601-1930
	TTY	954-601-1938
(Free specialized phones & Hearing screenings)		
Division of Blind Services		954-746-1770
First Call for Help		954-537-0211
GED® Testing Center - Atlantic Technical College		754-321-5152
Talking Book Library of Broward County		954-357-7555

Vocational Rehabilitation

North Area	954-346-2828	Boca Raton	561-544-4657
Ft. Laud	954-747-7900 (West Oakland Park Boulevard)		
	954-202-3800 (West Commercial Boulevard)		
Hollywood	954-893-5093		

Atlantic Technical College:

Main Campus	**754-321-5259**
Arthur Ashe, Jr. Campus	**754-322-2818**
Coconut Creek High Campus	**754-321-5352**

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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 things you want and need to do. It can make it difficult to:

- **walk, see, hear, or breathe**
- **take care of oneself**
- **learn**
- **work**

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

- **physical, sight, speech, and hearing disability**
- **epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis**
- **cancer, heart disease, diabetes, infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)**
- **Intellectual disability**
- **Emotional disability**
- **specific learning disability**

Persons with a history of such a condition or otherwise considered as having such a condition are also considered as people with disabilities.

(*as described in Federal and State Laws)

Adult Learner With a Disability? What You Should Know...

As an individual with a disability, you are entitled to accommodations. Your needs should be discussed after admission to the program. The school may request records that provide information about your learning needs.

Remember!

- **You can enter the building.**
- **You can enroll in an adult program.**
- **You can obtain assistance in class and during tests.**

If you are an adult with a disability who meets the admission standards of the educational program, you will be ensured equal opportunity.

What You Can Do For Yourself

You are encouraged to tell your school's designee for Disability Services 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 or support plan. The report(s) should have all of the following: description of how the disability affects learning, recommendations for specific strategies, and accommodations in education made necessary by the disability. Your request should be based on your current abilities as accommodation needs change over time.

You are encouraged to tell your school's designee for Disability Services about what has helped you learn in the past.

You can learn better if you know how to help yourself. Become your own advocate. Provide information about your need for accommodations. All information will be kept confidential.