

Accommodations vs. Modifications

Accommodations

- DOES NOT change what a student is expected to learn
- Alters the environment
- Provides students equal access to learning and equal access to demonstrate what they have learned
- Levels the playing field
- SAME grading as typical students

Modifications

- DOES change what a student is expected to learn
- Alters or lowers the standards in instructional level, content and grading criteria
- Provides students meaningful learning experiences based on their individualized needs and abilities
- Changes the playing field
- DIFFERENT grading/credit than typical students

- Applies to instruction & assessment
- Documented in the IEP