

Differentiation Strategies

1. Assignment/Test Retakes – When a student does not score well on an assignment or test, Advanced Academics can offer that student the opportunity to retake the assignment or test. First, the student spends time reviewing with a certified instructor in order to ensure mastery of the material within the lessons covered. Students can then retake the assignment with a new set of questions for full credit.
2. Assignment/Test Corrections -- When a student does not score well on an assignment or test, Advanced Academics can offer that student the opportunity to correct only the items missed on the assignment or test. First, the student spends time reviewing with a certified instructor in order to ensure mastery of the material within the lessons covered. Students can then correct the questions that were missed for partial or full credit depending upon IEP modifications.
3. Extended Time on Assignments – Because there is no specific due date for the assignments in the courses, students can take the time that they need to answer each question at a pace that is convenient for them.
4. Extended Time on Tests – While students are not timed on tests per se, they are required to complete tests within one setting. As this is not always the best environment for students on an IEP, tests can be set to allow students to re-enter and complete them.
5. One-on-One Instruction – A unique feature of online learning with Advanced Academics is access to certified instructors. These instructors are not limited by a bell schedule and therefore can spend extended periods of time working with students in a one-on-one environment.
6. Modification of writing assignments – Requirements for writing assignments can easily be modified to allow students to achieve writing success. Common modifications include reducing the required length of a writing assignment or reducing the level of difficulty of the assignment - requiring a student to summarize rather than synthesize, for example.
7. Chunking Assessments – Lengthy assessments, such as research presentations, can be broken into smaller portions, or chunks, to make the project more manageable for the student. This often helps students who might be overwhelmed by items requiring multiple steps to complete.
8. Recorded Lessons – Courses in the Connexus platform allow teachers the ability to record mini-lessons for students. These lessons can be saved and sent to students on an individual basis.