

Support thinking

A suggestion for implementing the strategy 'Support self-regulation and positive behaviour 'from the Guide: ADHD and

learning

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Options for student expression

Provide a range of ways for students to express what they know.

- ✓ Give students a range of ways to communicate their ideas and complete their work. Encourage them to work on computers.
- ✓ Allow students to choose how to communicate about a topic. Give students with ADHD fewer written tasks and opportunities to present their ideas visually or orally.
- ✔ Provide options for exams use digital rather than handwritten text or access a supervised reader. If your student also has dyslexia, organise an early assessment for reader/writer support or specialised software for reading/writing.

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Suggestions for presenting content

Suggestions for presenting curriculum content in different ways.

- ✔ Provide hands-on learning activities or activities that involve movement, drama and interaction.
- ✓ Teach in 10-minute blocks. Many students with ADHD need support with working memory and recall (by holding facts in their heads briefly and manipulating, sequencing, organising, and recording factual information).
- ✓ Order or sequence information simply and clearly.
- ✓ Make use of digital technologies. These provide students with interactive resources, and the ability to pace and control their learning.
- ✓ Use a wide range of visual learning materials, such as video clips, posters, diagrams and so on.
- ✓ Establish peer tutoring. This provides many instructional variables that help students with ADHD to succeed, including frequent and immediate feedback.

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