

COMMON CLASSROOM ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



What is Traumatic Brain Injury?

A traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a sudden physical injury to the brain caused by a forceful bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, or by an object penetrating the skull. These injuries can disrupt normal brain function.

Classroom Accommodations

- Dimmed classroom lighting.
- Preferential seating located away from possible distractions and loud noises.
- Create clear pathways throughout the classroom free of possible tripping hazards.
- Accompany oral instruction or directions with visuals and written information.
- Develop graphic organizers and note outlines for the student to use during lessons.
- Extend the student's time to complete assignments, activities, quizzes, and tests.
- Shorten assignments or divide into smaller components for the student and focus on grading content rather than conventions.
- Provide a quiet area for testing and completion of assignments.
- Stand within close proximity while speaking to a student.
- Gain the student's attention before speaking.
- Repetition of instruction and direction and monitor for student understanding.
- Provide the student with a written visual schedule.
- Assist the student with organizing materials.
- Provide the student with shortened directions for task completion and allot time for breaks.
- Monitor and record signs of fatigue, exhaustion, and changes in behavior.

For More Information

Visit [Brain Injury Association of America](http://www.biaa.org).

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