Top Strategies for Supporting Special Needs Students

1. Peer pairing (putting higher with lower student)
2. Provide framed outlines for notetaking practices (maybe even discourse)
3. Using graphic organizers
4. Using hands on materials
5. A variety of visuals demos to show same idea
6. Instruction on HOW to take test
7. Focus on the BIG ideas
8. Provide scoring rubrics
9. Visual or picture notes (sketches or diagrams) instead of just words.
10. Frequent review of vocab
11. Clear organization of instruction and assessment
12. Sets of questions (to scaffold assimilation of information)
13. Varied levels for reading materials
14. Constant regrouping
15. Small groups for checking for understanding
16. Varied means of assessment
17. Teach how to highlight
18. Mnemonics
19. Explicit objectives in instr. And assessment.
20. Teach to diverse learning styles