

# Stand back whenever possible

Guidance for teacher aides supporting an individual student in a subject class.

- ✓ You are there to support the student, not to do the work for them. You won't be judged on the student's performance.
- ✓ Avoid sitting next to the student all the time. Students can feel singled-out when they are the only person getting help from a teacher aide.
- ✓ Let the student attempt tasks and activities before offering any help. Allow enough time for them to persist and problem solve by themselves, with a peer, or with the teacher.
- ✓ Don't assume the student needs your assistance. Ask before helping.
- ✓ When the student doesn't want your help, respect that. Offer help to other students.
- ✓ When the students work in pairs, don't pair up with a student. Support them to work in a pair with another student or move around the class supporting all the pairs.
- ✓ Sometimes doing less is doing your job.

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