



Students with special needs may experience challenges with learning, difficulty communicating, emotional and behavioral disorders, developmental disorders, or physical disabilities. Though their barriers to learning may be complicated, engaging these students to achieve academic success and personal growth doesn't have to be.

CompassLearning Odyssey offers unique instructional methods, materials, and learning aids to help your students with special needs reach their fullest potential. The K–12 curriculum uses an array of sound instructional methods to assist students with various learning disabilities. A Web-based product, Odyssey provides a varied format and highly engaging content, and includes such features as animation, live action, color, sound, and interactivity to advance learning for special needs students.

Sound Assessments Promote Meaningful Instruction and Classroom Management

A comprehensive assessment process is critical to identify the skills, abilities, and needs of all students, particularly those with special needs. Odyssey's diagnostic assessments pinpoint knowledge levels and accurately place students into learning paths that specifically address the individual skills they need to develop. These assessments also allow for more effective classroom management and organization.

Prescribe Individualized Learning Paths Based on Ability and Need

Data from assessment drives instruction and determines accurate placement into learning materials. Odyssey automatically prescribes each student an individualized learning path that consists of engaging activities designed to capture and hold their attention. Working with content that is current, colorful, and dynamic inspires students to be more engaged in the learning process and challenges them to improve with each activity they accomplish.

Instruct with Engaging Materials, Spiraled Curriculum, and Scaffolded Instruction

Direct instruction is delivered through reading passages, manipulatives, videos, and animations. The curriculum — which is available for every grade, across every subject — is rigorous, and the activities are interactive and engaging. Plus, it's all based on current and confirmed research around how students think and learn, and is directly aligned to State and Common Core Standards.

Odyssey's spiraled curriculum combined with scaffolded instruction provide students with supports that reinforce knowledge and skills as they successfully move from one concept to the next at increasing levels of difficulty.

Monitor and Report Progress with the Help of Technology

Keeping apprised of how your special needs students are progressing has never been easier. As students complete Odyssey's online, interactive activities, the system provides you with real-time, progress-monitoring assessments that document student performance and signal you when instructional adjustments are needed. Is the student making progress? If so, where? If not, why? Odyssey makes these questions so much easier to answer. Its summative assessments automatically measure student mastery of the content, helping you determine the program's effectiveness.

Parent Involvement Made Easy

Not only does CompassLearning Odyssey help empower teachers and engage students, it also helps facilitate parent involvement. Through the CompassLearning Odyssey login, parents can easily monitor their child's progress and achievement on assigned activities.

Make Differentiated Instruction Easier with CompassLearning Odyssey

- ▶ Students can establish their own pace in assessment tests and learning activities.
- ▶ Accommodations can be made for special mastery levels and completion of custom test through Odyssey Manager.
- ▶ Diagnostic-prescriptive and customizable learning path capabilities enable differentiated instruction.
- ▶ Multisensory activities are incorporated to keep students focused and on task, address individual needs, and provide audio and visual support.
- ▶ Pages within activities are systematically organized and consistent in structure to avoid confusion.
- ▶ Scaffolding prepares students to complete learning tasks independently by developing problem-solving skills through modeling performance in lessons; providing prompts, links, guides, and structures for learning complex concepts; and removing those structures when the child is ready to learn without them.
- ▶ Instructional feedback is embedded in the lessons to assist students before, during, and after activities.
- ▶ Readability of CompassLearning Odyssey activities is controlled through the use of internal and external review panels and the use of tools and guides, including the Flesch-Kincaid readability scale; Leveled Books for Readers, Grades 3–6; A Companion Volume to Guiding Readers and Writers by Fountas and Pinnell; Children's Writer's Word Book by Mogliner; The Living Word Vocabulary by Dale and O'Rourke; and the Dolch word lists.
- ▶ Response- or concept-specific help embedded in the instructional activities provides a different style of instruction or additional instruction on the lesson concept. Odyssey can launch help automatically when the student is not demonstrating mastery or students can launch help manually.
- ▶ Clickable words and help icons (including metacognitive bubbles, transcripts, toolkits, and hyperlinked vocabulary) provide optional instructional help for those students who need additional instruction or need to hear or see information repeated or stated differently.

CompassLearning Odyssey Includes:

Clear, sequential instructions for easy navigation

- ▶ Strong phonetic component approach
- ▶ Adjustable mastery levels for summative and formative assessments
- ▶ Customizable assessments and personalized learning paths
- ▶ Concepts repeated, reviewed, and summarized for clarity
- ▶ Auditory support in reading/math for levels K–8
- ▶ Multisensory activities to engage students
- ▶ Language arts texts printable in PDF, as well as online
- ▶ Tiered feedback to guide students toward correct answers

To find out how Compass Learning can help you engage your special needs students to achieve and grow, call us at 866-586-7387 or visit our website at

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