
IMPACT OF PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENT PRACTICES AND LEVEL OF LEARNING ENGAGEMENT AMONG SNED LEARNERS

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ABSTRACT

This study investigated the relationship between the implementation of Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) and the learning engagement of Special Needs Education (SNED) learners in the Municipality of Quezon, Bukidnon, during the 2025- 2026 school year. Using a descriptive-correlational research design, data was collected from SNED teachers and parents using adapted survey questionnaires. The study examined five PBA dimensions: teacher expertise, IEP alignment, feedback utilization, task authenticity, and rubric clarity, alongside behavioral, emotional, and cognitive engagement levels. Descriptive analysis revealed that the impact of PBA was perceived as very highly impactful across all dimensions, suggesting that the assessment framework is structurally sound and theoretically stimulating. Furthermore, SNED learners demonstrated an often-engaged level of involvement, characterized by frequent participation and focus but requiring occasional redirection by adults. However, an inferential analysis using Pearson's r revealed no significant relationship between PBA impact and student engagement levels, leading to the acceptance of the null hypothesis. The findings uncover a perception-reality gap: high-quality assessment design fails to translate directly into increased student engagement. This suggests that engagement among SNED learners is heavily influenced by internal factors, such as neurological and sensory readiness, rather than by external instructional structure alone. Recommendations include prioritizing personalization of the affective environment, implementing pre-assessment sensory routines, and fostering learner autonomy by reducing prompting. These strategies aim to bridge the gap between instructional design and the learners' unique internal needs for

independent mastery.

KEYWORDS: *Performance-Based Assessment, Learning Engagement, SNED Learners, Individualized Education Program (IEP), Perception-Reality Gap, Descriptive-Correlational Research*

INTRODUCTION

The fundamental struggle in special needs education is transitioning beyond conventional, written examinations that often evaluate rote memory rather than authentic functional proficiency. This inquiry asserts that the transition toward Performance-Based Assessment represents more than a simple alternative testing strategy; rather, it constitutes a vital instructional paradigm that significantly influences the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among SNED learners. When teachers require these individuals to demonstrate their competencies through authentic tasks, such as constructing models, delivering presentations, or addressing practical challenges, learners shift from passive information reception to active knowledge construction. This proactive participation remains essential for those with diverse learning profiles, as it directly stimulates motivation and self-efficacy while fostering a deeper connection to the educational journey, thereby transforming the evaluation process into a robust instrument for cultivating transferable life skills.

Following this conceptual foundation, the movement toward inclusive and functional evaluation finds its mandate within established legal frameworks. Article XIV, Section 1 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution anchors the right of every citizen to receive high-quality education, a principle that schools operationalize for SNED learners through legislation such as Republic Act No. 11650. This specific act institutes a policy of inclusion and services for learners with disabilities, placing a heavy emphasis on the delivery of appropriate services and the meticulous design of individualized education plans. Consequently, these legal pillars ensure that the educational system remains responsive to the unique requirements of every learner within the school environment.

In addition to constitutional mandates, DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2015 actively promotes performance standards by encouraging teachers to use assessments that require integrating knowledge and 21st-century competencies through actual performance. Supporting this institutional focus, the research conducted by Darling-Hammond et al. (2014) and Koretz et al. (1996) consistently demonstrates that well-structured performance evaluations improve

instructional methodologies, increase learning engagement among SNED learners, and foster higher-order thinking skills. Furthermore, Black and Wiliam (2024) argue that formative performance tasks allow teachers to provide immediate, actionable feedback that sustains learner interest over time. Additionally, Hattie (2023) notes that visible learning outcomes, which performance tasks provide, significantly boost the confidence of learners who struggle with traditional literacy-based testing.

Despite these clear policy instructions and broad research support, a notable gap persists in the systematic implementation and measured impact of these methods within the specialized environment of SNED classrooms. While existing literature confirms that such assessments encourage advanced cognitive skills, limited local evidence exists that directly connects specific implementation factors, such as teacher training in differentiated tasks and the alignment of activities with individualized goals, to the observed level of learning engagement among SNED learners in the Philippines. Specifically, the interplay between a teacher's practical application of feedback and the learner's perceived clarity of rubrics often remains under investigated, even though these elements are vital for a vulnerable population. This research gap necessitates a focused inquiry to connect the theoretical potential of these assessments with empirical and context-specific evidence.

Therefore, the execution of this study is critical for advancing evaluation methods from mere administrative compliance to genuine educational improvement. By investigating the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among SNED learners through the lens of specialized training, feedback application, and task authenticity, the findings will offer practical and evidence-based suggestions. These outcomes can assist the Department of Education in developing targeted professional development programs, refining evaluation policies for inclusive school settings, and empowering teachers to realize the educational benefits of performance tasks fully. Ultimately, this inquiry adds to the persistent national dedication to providing accessible, high-quality, and authentically inclusive education for all.

Framework of the Study

The investigation into the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among learners with special needs is grounded in Social Cognitive Theory, as articulated by Albert Bandura (1986). This theory maintains that learning occurs through a reciprocal interplay of cognitive, behavioral, and environmental elements. This specific model remains highly relevant because performance tasks function as a direct,

concrete environmental factor that significantly influences a learner's self-efficacy, which serves as the fundamental cognitive mechanism of the theory. Consequently, the research utilizes this lens to examine how the structured environment provided by teachers in schools shapes the internal confidence of those with diverse needs.

When learners complete an authentic, performance-oriented activity and receive detailed feedback, their self-efficacy in executing the task increases significantly. This enhanced sense of self-belief subsequently fosters greater motivation and tenacity, resulting in higher learning engagement and improved academic outcomes. Therefore, Bandura's theory offers a necessary framework for explaining how an instructional approach involving performance tasks alters a learner's internal belief system, eventually leading to discernible changes in their observable behavior and participation.

Furthermore, the conceptual framework of this inquiry draws upon the notion of Authentic Assessment as defined by Grant Wiggins (1998). This scholar characterized authentic evaluation as assignments that require learners to demonstrate abilities and knowledge in circumstances that closely mirror real-world challenges, underscoring that the validity of any evaluation ultimately rests on its authenticity and practical relevance. This notion is essential for learners with special needs because conventional examinations frequently fail to accurately reflect their genuine competencies and unique strengths within the school setting. By focusing on real-world applications, teachers can move away from abstract testing and toward methods that respect the functional abilities of every learner.

By using authentic performance activities, the evaluation process shifts from rote memorization to the practical application of knowledge, thereby directly influencing the level of learning engagement among learners. An authentic task intrinsically motivates these learners by making learning immediately relevant, purposeful, and reflective of essential skills for independent living. Thus, authenticity serves as the conceptual mechanism that converts a mere performance task into a catalyst for deep learning investment and sustained participation.

Figure 1 presents the schematic diagram of the study. The Independent Variables (IVs) are contained in the left box, composed of the impact of performance-based assessment practices in terms of Type of Performance Task, Clarity of PBA Rubrics, Frequency of PBA Implementation, Teacher PBA Training and Skill, and Alignment of PBA to Learning Goals. In the opposite direction is the right box containing the Dependent Variable (DV), which is the level of learning engagement among learners.

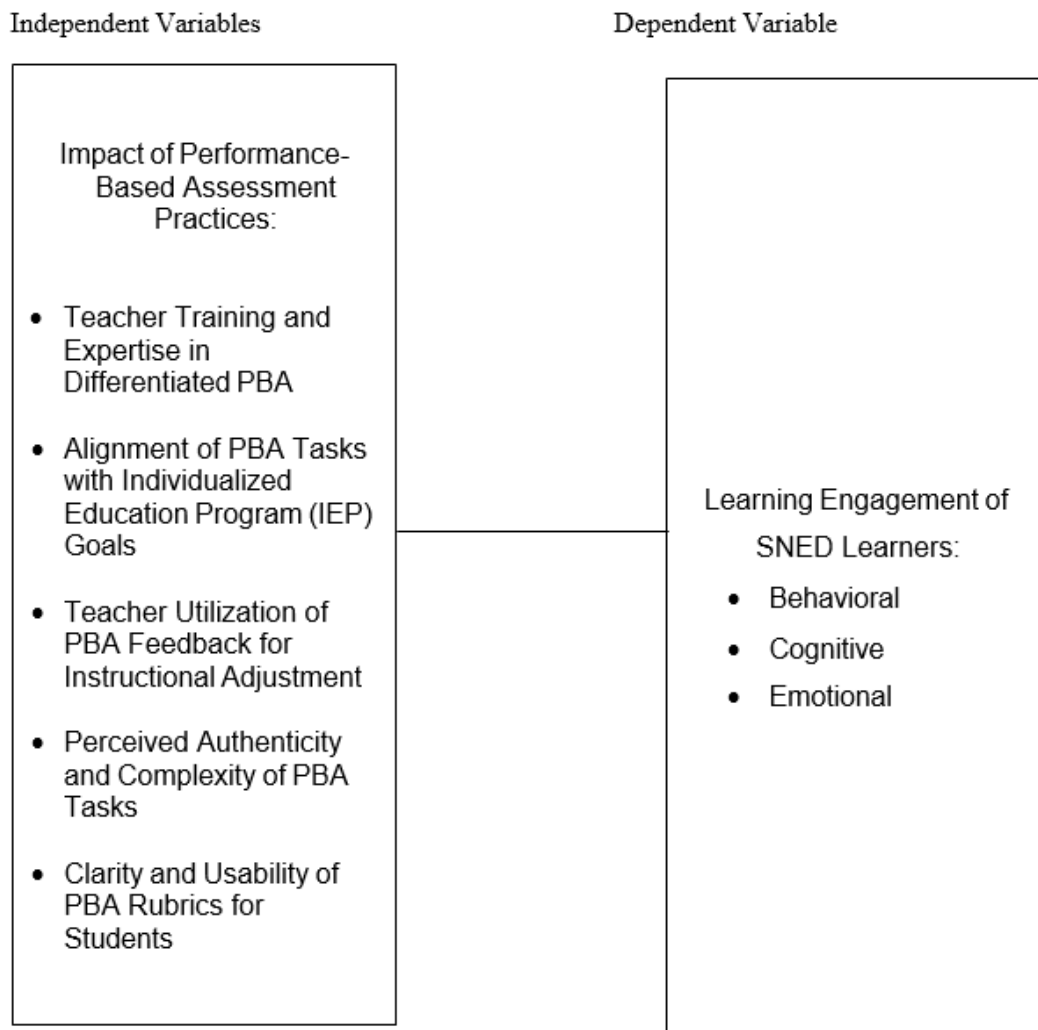


Figure 1. Schematic Diagram showing the Relationship of the Independent and Dependent Variables of the Study.

Significance of the Study

The researcher pursued this investigation with the firm belief that the results would yield significant advantages and valuable perspectives for several specific beneficiary groups.

For learners, the study was of substantial importance, as the findings precisely pinpointed which specific elements of performance-based assessment practices most effectively improved learning engagement among SNED learners. By emphasizing assessment methods that fostered motivation, proactive involvement, and deep comprehension, the inquiry promoted the integration of instructional approaches that were more inclusive, purposeful, and aligned with their distinct educational requirements. Ultimately, this focus aimed to bolster their academic triumphs and personal self-assurance within the school environment.

For teachers, this research provided essential evidence on the tangible outcomes of their

chosen evaluation methods. The recorded data served as a vital manual, helping them refine and select specific assessment strategies that consistently enhanced learning engagement among SNED learners beyond conventional testing techniques. Recognizing the explicit connection between performance tasks and active participation empowered teachers to formulate data-informed instructional choices that optimized the dedication and effort of every individual in the classroom.

To the Department of Education (DepEd), this study would offer empirical data necessary for policy review and curriculum development concerning SNED programs. The findings can be used to validate or modify existing guidelines for assessing SNED learners, informing the development of standardized training modules for teachers on effective PBA implementation and on resource allocation, aimed at supporting assessment methods proven to boost special needs learner engagement.

For parents, the study provided the Department of Education with the empirical evidence needed for comprehensive policy evaluation and curriculum design within specialized programs. The gathered results allowed the agency to confirm or adjust current protocols for evaluating learners in inclusive settings. This information guided the creation of uniform teacher training programs on the efficient execution of performance tasks and the strategic distribution of resources to support evaluation techniques that successfully increased learning engagement among SNED learners.

To future researchers, the completed inquiry established a robust empirical base and a dependable source of information for those who maintain an interest in the relationship between evaluation techniques, active participation, and special education. The study provided a structured framework for subsequent scholars to expand on the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among SNED learners. By documenting these specific correlations, the researcher provided a springboard for more intricate studies that continued to explore how diverse assessment environments influenced the long-term development of individuals with special needs.

Definition of Terms

To ensure clarity between the researcher and readers, the study operationally defined the following terms.

Alignment of PBA Tasks with Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goals. Alignment of PBA Tasks with Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goals indicated the degree to which

the learning objectives and evaluation criteria embedded in the teacher-designed tasks directly corresponded to the measurable, tailored objectives outlined in the SNED learners' IEPs. This alignment ensured that the impact of performance-based assessment practices remained relevant to each individual's unique developmental path within the school.

Clarity and Usability of PBA Rubrics for Learners. Clarity and Usability of PBA Rubrics for Learners evaluated the teacher's assessment of how efficiently the scoring tool communicated performance expectations to SNED learners. This involved the systematic use of explicit language, visual support, and concrete descriptors by the teacher to make the rubric accessible to individuals with diverse needs for interpreting and using as a self-monitoring guide, thereby directly influencing the level of learning engagement among SNED learners during the completion of the task.

Individualized Education Program (IEP). An Individualized Education Program (IEP) within an SNED class served as a legally binding document detailing a customized educational strategy designed to address the unique needs of a learner with disabilities. A collaborative team comprising teachers, specialists, and the child's family developed this plan to ensure the school provided the necessary support for the learner's academic and functional growth.

Learning Engagement. Learning Engagement among SNED Learners. Learning Engagement. Learning Engagement among SNED Learners refers to the proactive involvement and consistent participation of these individuals in educational activities tailored to their distinct needs and abilities. This term captured the individual's physical, emotional, and cognitive investment, which the researcher measured to determine the overall level of learning engagement among SNED learners in response to specific evaluation methods.

Perceived Authenticity and Complexity of PBA Tasks. Perceived Authenticity and Complexity of PBA Tasks involved the judgment of the teacher concerning two vital characteristics, which included authenticity, or the extent to which the task required individuals to apply skills in a real-world context, and complexity, or the degree to which the activity demanded higher-order thinking skills beyond simple recall. These factors worked together to determine the impact of performance-based assessment practices on learners' ability to solve practical problems.

Performance-Based Assessment (PBA). Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) in special education settings acted as an evaluative methodology that prioritized the ability of the learner to apply knowledge and competencies in functional, practical situations. Within these schools, this approach enabled individuals to actively participate in meaningful projects,

performances, or portfolios that demonstrated their understanding in ways that aligned with their personal learning profiles and enhanced learning engagement among SNED learners.

Special Needs Education (SNED) Learners. Special Needs Education (SNED) learners were individuals with disabilities or exceptionalities who required additional support and specialized programs to meet their unique educational needs. These learners required modified instructional and assessment environments provided by teachers to ensure they reached their full potential within the inclusive school system.

Teacher Training and Expertise in Differentiated PBA. Teacher Training and Expertise in Differentiated PBA identified the level of specialized professional growth, knowledge, and self-assessed proficiency that teachers maintained regarding the creation, execution, and modification of performance tasks specifically for those with special needs. This expertise was a primary factor in determining the overall impact of performance-based assessment practices in the classroom.

Teacher Utilization of PBA Feedback for Instructional Adjustment. Teacher Utilization of PBA Feedback for Instructional Adjustment measured the frequency and systematic nature with which teachers analyzed the evidence and feedback generated during the evaluation process.

The Methodology

Research Design

This study used a descriptive-correlational research design. It described the characteristics of performance-based assessment and learning engagement among SNED learners and, second, examined the relationship between these two variables without manipulating them. In this thesis context, the design allows the researcher to present a clear picture of how performance-based assessment is implemented and how engaged SNED learners are, alongside investigating whether there is a meaningful statistical connection between these two factors, without implying causation. The respondents of the study were the teachers of the SNED learners in the Municipality of Quezon, Bukidnon. The instrument used to gather the data was an adapted questionnaire from the study of Rosaroso (2021) and Bertills et al. (2021).

Research Locale

The researcher conducted this study in the SNED classes in the Municipality of Quezon, Bukidnon, during the School Year 2025–2026. This specific site was carefully selected because the SNED learners, who were the primary focus of this inquiry into the impact of

performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among SNED learners, resided in this area. Focusing on this specific school environment enabled a thorough, controlled investigation into how teachers implemented evaluation strategies and how those strategies influenced the school.

The Municipality of Quezon, Bukidnon, is situated in the southern portion of Bukidnon Province, approximately 55 kilometers from the province's capital city, Malaybalay. This municipality earned the title of the Sugar Capital of Bukidnon because it housed the Busco Sugar Milling Company, one of the largest sugar mills in the country. This industry acted as a major economic driver for the province. Furthermore, large agricultural businesses, such as extensive pineapple plantations and large-scale cattle farms, further supported the local economy.

Politically, Quezon comprised 31 barangays and had a total land area of 71,128 hectares, with a population of 109,624 during the 2020 census. Most individuals who worked in the municipality engaged in agriculture, serving as farmers. The research site for the study were the following schools: Mibantang Integrated School, Salawagan Central Elementary School, Kiburiao Central School, Puntian Elementary School, Quezon Central Elementary School, and BUSCO Central Elementary School. Figure 2. Shows the administrative map of Quezon, Bukidnon showing the locale of the study.

Respondents of the Study

The respondents of the study were the teachers and parents of SNED learners enrolled in the public schools with SNED centers in the Municipality of Quezon, Division of Bukidnon, School Year (SY) 2025-2026. The teachers in the SNED classes conducted a survey on the implementation of the PBA Performance-Based Assessment (PBA). At the same time, the respective parents of the SNED learners completed a survey concerning the learners' learning engagement. Table 1 presents the distribution of respondents by school.

Sampling Procedure

The researcher utilized complete enumeration as the sampling procedure for this investigation. This method involved examining the entire population of interest, which, in this instance, comprised every individual within the specified group of SNED stakeholders. The primary benefit of this approach lies in the elimination of sampling error, ensuring that the data obtained reflects the true population parameters rather than mere estimates. Consequently, this strategy provided clear and accurate results regarding teachers and

parents. This method remained highly appropriate because the target population, consisting of the teachers and parents of SNED learners, remained relatively small and highly specific, allowing the school to conduct a comprehensive census. This thorough involvement of all participants further solidified the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the recorded level of learning engagement among SNED learners, both of which are representative of the actual local context.

Research Instrument

This study used an adapted instrument to answer the problems posed. The survey questionnaire consisted of two parts. Part I was adapted from Rosaroso & Rosaroso (2021). The SNED class teachers accomplished this. The instrument was used to find a direct correlation between performance-based tasks and student engagement. While their study may not focus exclusively on SNED learners, the findings on performance-based assessments are directly applicable. Their study in higher education institutions found that the use of performance-based assessment significantly increased students' motivation and learning engagement. This supported the idea that the nature of the assessment task (the PBA) drives increased engagement. Part II was adapted from Bertils et al. (2021). The parents of the SNED learners answered this. His work provided a strong foundation for the SNED learners' component, specifically using Bandura's concept of self-efficacy, which mediates engagement

Validation of Research Instruments

To ensure the quality and rigor of the data collection, the researcher first subjected the study instrument to a validity and reliability test. This testing phase involved pilot-testing the questionnaires with a group of at least 30 individuals who shared characteristics with the main respondents but did not participate in the final study within the school. Their responses underwent thorough analysis to establish content validity, confirming the clarity, appropriateness, and relevance of the items for measuring the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of learning engagement among SNED learners. The pilot-test garnered a Cronbach's Alpha of .936, indicating that the instrument was fit for use.

Scoring Procedure

To assess the impact of performance-based assessment practices on SNED learners' learning engagement, the mean was calculated using the 5-Point Likert Scale.

Scale	Range	Qualitative Description	Qualifying Statement
5	4.20-5.00	Very High Impact	The assessment consistently stimulates interest and focuses on 9 to 10 out of 10 instances.
4	3.40-4.19	High Impact	The assessment significantly increases involvement and interaction in 7 to 8 out of 10 instances.
3	2.60-3.39	Moderate Impact	The assessment has a noticeable but inconsistent effect on engagement in 5 to 6 out of 10 instances.
2	1.80-2.59	Low Impact	The assessment has a minimal or infrequent effect on participation in 3 to 4 out of 10 instances.
1	1.00-1.79	Very Low Impact	The assessment rarely or never triggers a response or interest in 1 to 2 out of 10 instances.

The learning engagement of the SNED learners was rated and interpreted using the rating scale below.

Scale	Range	Qualitative Description	Qualifying Statement
5	4.20-5.00	Always Engaged	The learner consistently displays active participation and sustains focus in 9 to 10 out of 10 instances without prompts.
4	3.40-4.19	Often Engaged	The learner frequently participates and remains attentive in 7 to 8 out of 10 instances, requiring only occasional redirection.
3	2.60-3.39	Sometimes Engaged	The learner shows inconsistent involvement in 5 to 6 out of 10 instances; engagement depends heavily on the activity.
2	1.80-2.59	Rarely Engaged	The learner is seldom involved in the lesson in 3 to 4 out of 10 instances and requires significant prompting to stay on task.
1	1.00-1.79	Never Engaged	The learner shows no observable participation or interest in 1 to 2 out of 10 instances and remains disconnected.

Data Gathering Procedure

The researcher executed this study by first obtaining the necessary approval from the appropriate authorities. The process began with securing an endorsement letter from the Dean of the Graduate School, which the researcher then submitted to the Superintendent of Schools for the Division of Bukidnon. Once the division level granted permission, the researcher sought authorization from the Public Schools District Supervisors across the four districts of Quezon Municipality. Upon receiving district permission, the researcher directly approached the school heads of the selected campuses for final consent to conduct the fieldwork. The final stage involved systematically distributing questionnaires to respondents within each school to measure the impact of performance-based assessment practices and the level of

learning engagement among SNED learners.

FINDINGS

The performance-based assessment of the learning engagement of SNED learners in terms of Teacher Training and Expertise in Differentiated PBA, Alignment of PBA Tasks with Individualized Education Program (IEP) Goals,

Teacher Utilization of PBA Feedback for Instructional Adjustment, Perceived Authenticity and Complexity of PBA Tasks, and Clarity and Usability of PBA Rubrics for Students was very high.

Impact. The assessment consistently and profoundly stimulates the learner's interest, participation, and focus.

The SNED learners were often engaged in behavioral engagement, Emotional Engagement (Attitude and Feelings toward Learning), and Cognitive Engagement (Investment of Mental Effort). They frequently participate and remain attentive, requiring only occasional redirection.

There is no significant relationship between the impact of performance-based assessment and SNED learners' level of learning engagement.

CONCLUSIONS

This study investigated how performance-based assessment practices impact learning engagement among SNED learners. Findings revealed that teacher expertise, task alignment, and clear rubrics exerted a very high impact, profoundly stimulating interest and participation. While results confirm that individualized pedagogical strategies drive engagement, the researcher suggests refining technical applications and sensory support. Ultimately, authentic, clear evaluation methods in schools foster a more responsive educational experience.

This study assessed the level of learning engagement among SNED learners regarding behavioral, emotional, and cognitive domains. Findings revealed that these learners are often engaged, frequently participating, and remaining attentive with only occasional redirection. This high engagement confirms the effectiveness of current inclusive strategies. However, since occasional redirection is still necessary, schools should implement more personalized sensory breaks. Overall, consistent participation indicates a positive investment in learning.

This study investigated the relationship between the impact of performance-based assessment and learning engagement levels among SNED learners. Findings revealed no significant

correlation, suggesting that high-quality assessments do not automatically lead to increased participation. This suggests that engagement for these learners may be driven by diverse external factors rather than assessment design alone. Schools should therefore explore multi-sensory instructional supports. Overall, assessment practices require holistic integration to influence learner involvement truly.

Recommendations

Teachers may prioritize personalizing the affective environment by integrating sensory breaks and emotional check-ins alongside high-quality task design. Rather than relying solely on structural alignment, educators must intentionally synchronize assessment delivery with each student's daily internal readiness. This ensures that technically sound assessments successfully penetrate the learner's individual barriers to engagement.

Parents may encourage independence by gradually reducing prompts during home-based tasks, allowing children to problem-solve through minor challenges. Instead of immediate redirection, it provides positive reinforcement for self-initiated effort and pride in their work. This collaborative approach helps bridge the gap from teacher-dependent participation to the self-driven motivation required for long-term academic and life success.

Teachers may look beyond task design by conducting "readiness checks" to assess students' neurological and sensory states before beginning assessments. Instead of assuming a well-structured task will automatically trigger participation, educators should implement individualized pre-assessment sensory diets or calming routines. This ensures students are internally determined to engage with the high-quality assessment materials provided.

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