

**Left Handed Accommodations****R2/2018 Iwanicki**

Slant paper R  
LH scissors  
Seat to L side of classmate or area  
Mouse L side of computer  
Turn paper R  
L Hand desk or larger R handed one  
Place things in middle so can be grasped either side  
Ruler flip upside down or left handed ruler  
L Hand notebooks or top bound  
Hand sanitizer or gel to prevent smearing of words  
Turn paper sideways or backwards  
Use non smearing pencils or fast drying pens  
Use clip board, steno pads  
engineering scales will have numbers both way drafting supply store.  
Left handed peelers, knives

**Considerations:**

**Lefties are more adept at mirror writing use a dot to remind them to write from left to right.**

LH writes naturally R>L encourage L to R  
When writing they cover the word as they write it  
Reversals early on  
Jacket coat zippers on opposite side  
Smearred handwriting because hand tracks over written word  
Increased reversals because teaching R handed visually  
Pledge of allegiance L handed have to teach R  
Sitting in groups L hand will bump into others  
Plastic knives blade skewed for R handed persons  
Chalk board/dry erase board, hold hand under what they are writing by slanting writing slightly left

**Cue:**

Lift Hand as you write  
Teach line drawing with ruler from right to left when possible  
Tip paper right  
Index finger, rest pencil on 3<sup>rd</sup> finger comfortably away from tip,  
eraser of pencil points at shoulder, hand rests on side of pinky finger, straight wrist  
demonstrate to student using your own left hand. Proper modeling  
Language: instead of saying right say correct.  
Cue them to relax their elbow and shoulder