



# New Hampshire Charter School Office

## Best Practice Submission Form

<b>School Name:</b>	The Birches Academy of Academics and Art
<b>Best Practice Title:</b>	Offering Accommodations
<b>Applicable Categories:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Accountability and Performance Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Business Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Community/Student Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Curriculum Design <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership & Governance <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Development <input type="checkbox"/> Recruitment and Retention (Staff or Student) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>School Mission:</b>	The mission of The Birches Academy is to cultivate a learning community that promotes excellence in core academics and the arts while valuing the individual qualities and strengths of each child.
<b>Purpose:</b>	To allow all students to learn in a way that works best for them, giving them the best chance for success.
<b>Summary:</b>	One thing we do at the Birches Academy of Academics and Art is to make sure that any accommodations we offer to one student are made available to all students, where possible. For example, we have a lot of students who struggle with executive functioning skills, so our middle school Social Studies teacher has created a list of keyboard shortcuts and helpful conversions for students. Rather than give a copy only to the student whose difficulties inspired the creation of the list, the teacher has posted the list at the front of the room where everyone has access to it.
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