



Differentiated Instruction

All students learn differently. Teachers use a variety of tools like Universal Design for Learning, manipulatives, smart boards and technology to provide all students with a means to engage and absorb the curriculum in a variety of ways.



Peer to Peer Interactions

When students learn together, they learn to live together. Inclusive classrooms build and maintain friendships, grow empathy and reduce stigma for students with a disability. Peer tutoring has been shown to provide academic & social benefit to the tutor as well as the student who is tutored.



A Culture of Belonging

Inclusion fosters a culture of respect and belonging for all students and provides the opportunities for acceptance of individual differences. Parents become more involved and invested in the school when their children are learning in the same classrooms.

Benefits of Inclusion



Higher Expectations

Having access to the general education curriculum will increase a student's exposure to more challenging content as they work toward grade level standards. Inclusive practices can raise the bar on what we expect from students with disabilities and give them the confidence they need to succeed.



Effective Use of Resources

In traditional classrooms, many students are 'pulled out' for services like speech, reading and specialized instruction. By bringing the specialists into the classroom, more than one student can benefit from the instructional strategies used by specialists visiting the classroom.



Improved Behavior

Ideally, inclusive classrooms use Positive Behavior Supports to set behavioral expectations for all students and to provide early intervention when problems arise. Students with disabilities also benefit from having positive role models for behavior.

