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# Tips for inclusive classroom

Nowadays inclusion is a word which appears a lot in education, and in some countries national curriculums dictate that schools and teachers ensure all pupils are included in effective learning, regardless of their individual needs.

**But how can teachers create an inclusive classroom that benefits all students, no matter what their individual needs?**

We all know what inclusion is and who benefits from it.

Now we need to understand why inclusion works.

Supporting and celebrating diversity and inclusion in school works because it gives all children the potential to achieve, and creates an environment where those with additional needs are not segregated and seen as 'other'; they are part of the same community of learners. Inclusion addresses negative cultural attitudes and misconceptions about people with disabilities, or those who are members of minority communities.

## With that in mind, here are some strategies that help create an inclusive classroom for all, regardless of specific needs.

- ▶ Learn how to say your students' names.
- ▶ Educate kids on why their language matters.
- ▶ Don't ignore when students use harmful language.
- ▶ Interrupt when students police or shame each other.
- ▶ Teach the material in a variety of ways—play to your kids' strengths.
- ▶ Allow your students to develop their own projects.
- ▶ Genuinely care about and consider other factors in your students' lives.
- ▶ Plan activities for your students to think about and show appreciation for each other.
- ▶ Work with your administration to create a more inclusive dress code.
- ▶ Avoid segregating students by gender and use gender neutral language.
- ▶ Make sure your field trips are accessible.
- ▶ Don't police gender,
- ▶ Offer your notes or PowerPoints to students.
- ▶ Offer a wider variety of options in your classroom library, make E-readers available and see if your school can spring for audiobooks.
- ▶ Work with your principal to change school culture.
- ▶ Keep in mind where a student is coming from when addressing issues.
- ▶ If you're teaching about religions, spend equal time on each that you cover.
- ▶ Learn as much as you can about what students from different backgrounds might be experiencing at home.

Now watch a short movie with some more tips for teachers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kZleQM6vG0>

Interactive activity:

<https://padlet.com/malkrzem/rvnezjleqrmf7v6s>

Which ideas/tips do you like the most?