Why Inclusive Education?

Thirty years of study shows us that when ALL students are learning together they ALL do better. This means even students with the most needs do better in their grade-level, when they are given the right support.

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Studies show that students with and without disabilities in inclusive schools:

• do better in reading and math
• benefit from the friendships they form
• learn to value differences

What is inclusive education?
Inclusive education means everyone is included in their grade-level in their neighborhood school. Inclusion means students are given the help they need to be full members of their class. Inclusive education involves districts supporting schools as they include ALL the students who live in their communities.

How do teachers meet the needs of all students in an inclusive school?
• Teachers plan their lessons to meet each student’s learning needs.
• Teachers teach in small groups that can change as the students’ needs change.
• Teachers teach the same content in different ways.
• Teachers work with other adults in the school to help meet each student’s needs.

You can learn more about how teachers include all students in their school at guide.swiftschools.org.

How Can I Get Involved?

• Learn more about inclusive education. Share books, websites, articles you find with school staff. Learn about your district’s policies concerning inclusive education.
• Ask your school leaders and teachers how they are meeting the needs of diverse learners.
• Work with other parents to improve inclusive practices at your child’s school.
• Volunteer at the school to help support inclusive practices.

How Do I Learn More?

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