

Inclusion Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is inclusion?

Inclusion is a term used to describe the ideology that each child, to the maximum extent appropriate, should be educated in the school and classroom he or she would otherwise attend. It involves bringing support services to the child (rather than moving the child to the services) and requires only that the child will benefit from being in the class (rather than having to keep up with the other students).

The *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* does not mention the word *inclusion*; however, the law does require that children with disabilities must, to the maximum extent appropriate, be educated in the least restrictive environment.

Please see FLDOE Inclusion Brief : <http://www.fl DOE.org/ese/pdf/clu-brief.pdf>

2. What is a teacher's role in an Inclusive classroom?

As general and special educators work together, all participants must realize that differences often exist between them? Differences that can be traced to various professional training. General educators are prepared to deliver a body of content to large groups of students. Special educators are prepared to accommodate and/or deliver modified instruction to small groups of students or to individual students. The important thing to remember is that both types of professional backgrounds result in expertise that can be combined to improve learning for all students. Both teachers collaborate and depend on each other to provide expertise from their own professional backgrounds and instructional knowledge.

Adapted from Power of 2- <http://www.powerof2.org/cgiwrap/powerof2/faqs/faq.php#0>

3. Are there professional development trainings are available for teachers?

Check our website under the link ***Inclusion Professional Development Opportunities*** or visit the District's Course Registration site for schedules and opportunities offered

throughout the year for general and exceptional education teachers:

Course Registration- <http://courseregistration.palmbeach.k12.fl.us>

4. Are there technical assistance and support available for teachers and/or administrators to learn about inclusion

Contact Fartun Mohamud, FIN Facilitator: Fartun.mohamud@palmbeachschools.org

5. Where can I find more information about inclusive practices?

Visit School District FIN Website for resources:
<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/9032/fin.asp>

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