

# Inclusion Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. What is inclusion?

The goal of education is for students to reach their highest individual potential in line with becoming effective, contributing members of their communities. Where better to learn that but in a school which values all of its students and includes their differences as an integral part of a broader whole? In inclusive education, students with disabilities receive their in-school services in the general education classrooms alongside their peers and within their neighborhood schools. To the maximum extent possible, they are included in these settings where they receive the support needed to succeed, both as individual learners and as valued members of their classroom/school community.

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

Teachers are charged with the challenging task of assuring that each and every child feels welcomed and achieves to his/her highest potential. To that end, teachers must create a classroom environment where all students are valued for who they ARE, rather than for what they can do. Working collaboratively with other professionals, inclusive teachers understand and accommodate differences among learners, and provide strategies and adaptations for students to access their curriculum. The inclusive environment fosters students' social interaction and growth to ensure their development into confident, contributing members of their classroom and school communities.

## 3. Is there training for teachers regarding inclusive practices?

Check the professional development calendar for opportunities offered throughout the year for general and exceptional education teachers:  
<http://portal.dadeschools.net/Teachers/index.htm>

## 4. Is there support for teachers who want to learn more about inclusion?

Visit <http://inclusion.dadeschools.net>

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

Videos are available through Teacher's Choice (ask your media specialist):

<b>#81024 Highlights of Inclusion</b>	<b>6 minutes</b>
<b>#81023 Developing Responsible Inclusive Practices</b>	<b>25 minutes</b>
<b>#81114 Power of 2</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>

Access the latest news and resources for inclusive education:

<http://inclusion.dadeschools.net>    [www.floridainclusionnetwork.com](http://www.floridainclusionnetwork.com)