

“Don’t We Already Do Inclusion?”: Improving Schools for All



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see the potential *voir le potentiel*



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Improving schools for all: 5 ideas



Be clear about your commitment

- Put it on your website
- Celebrate National School Inclusion Week
- Create a billboard



Statement of Philosophy

INCLUSION

The North Reading School District is an inclusive school district. As such, we are a collaborative culture that welcomes all members into our learning community. With the recognition that students share more similarities than differences, our learning community respects each individual's unique contributions. In our schools, we expect all adults to share the responsibility to provide every student with access to and participation in high quality general education.

Source: North Reading Public Schools
Elementary School Handbook for Students and Parents

inclusiveschools.org

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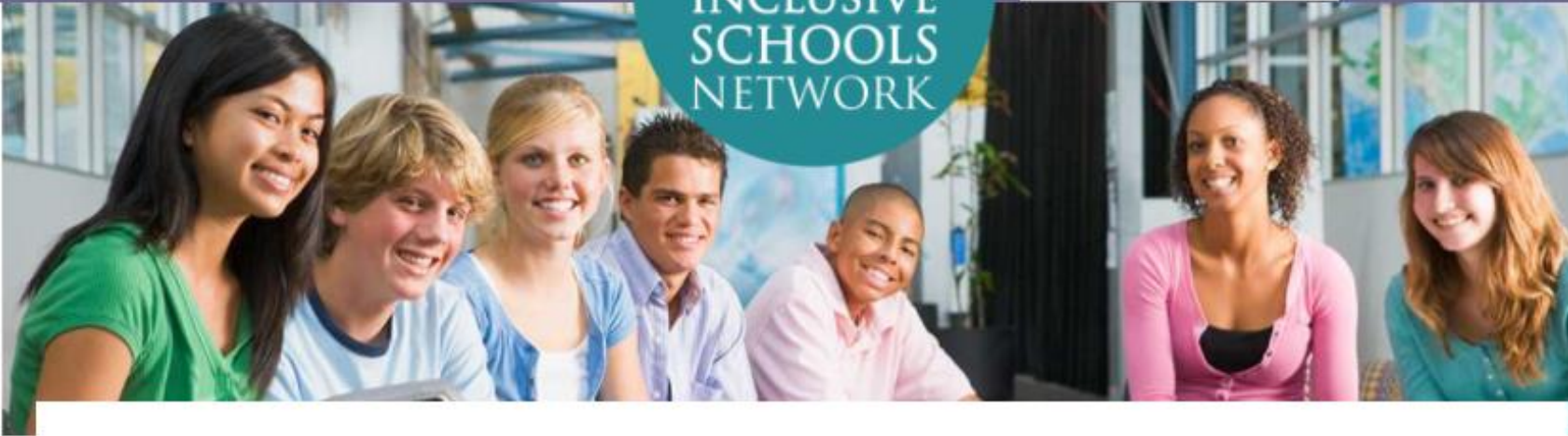
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INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS
WEEK

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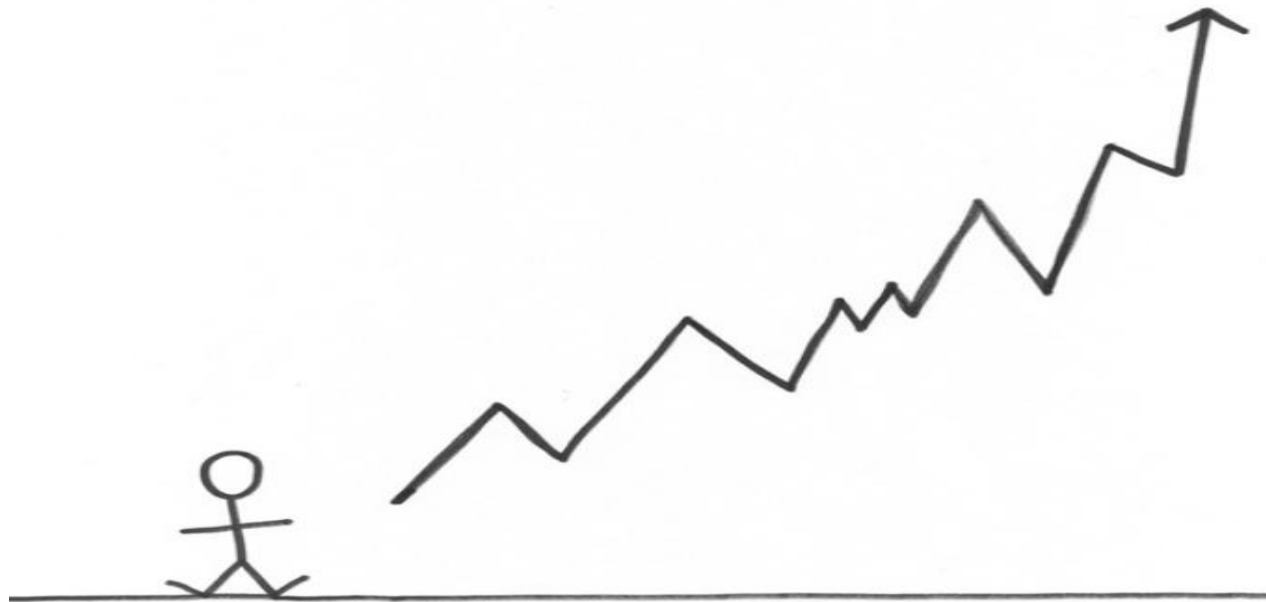


INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK



See inclusion as a process

- Think: Over, under, around or through?
- Find a way—or make a way!
- Focus on the spirit, not on the space.



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One of the easiest ways to build community in the classroom is to give students time to share. Ask questions that will get them talking and enable them to learn new things about peers.



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Another reason to give all students access to lab work is to pique their interest and enhance their learning. It is widely accepted that students who participate in labs and other hands-on science activities will remember the material better and be able to transfer the learning across situations and lessons. Students who have learning difficulties or differences are often more on task during hands-on activities because there are typically a wide variety of ways to participate and the active and social nature of the science lab keeps students engaged. Finally, lab work helps all students hone social and communication skills, making it ideal for learners with disabilities who may need help with asking and answering questions, taking turns in a conversation, or knowing how to enter a discussion.

Having shared all of these benefits, many learners will need adaptations or modifications in order to be successful in a lab situation. Twenty ideas that can help you support diverse learners in your science classroom are offered here:

1. Be explicit about what you want students to know and do in each lesson and model what you want to see (e.g., language, behaviors, techniques) in the lab.
2. Post expected lab behavior on a poster or chart that is clear for all to see- (emphasizing safety guidelines). Draw students' attention to this information every time they work in the lab.
3. Organize your lab around "big questions" that all students can answer in some way. For instance, the question, "What is a rock?" can be answered on many different levels. One learner will be able to show or give an example of a rock while other

create a UDL* culture

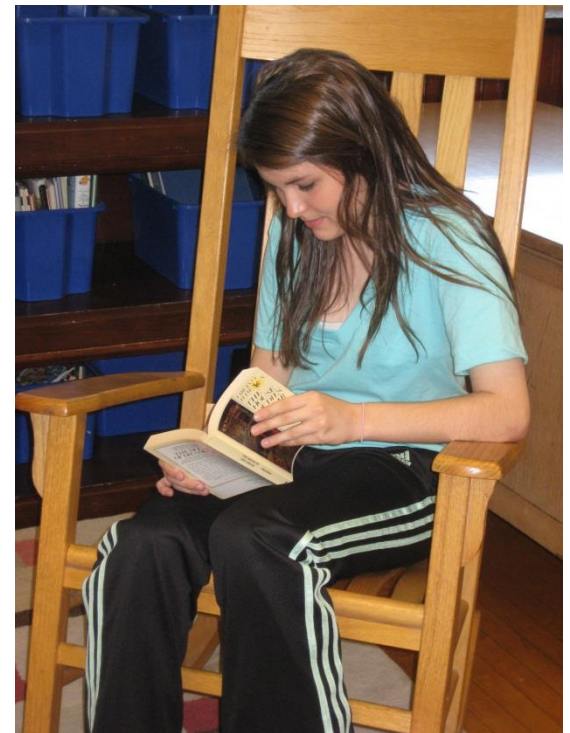
[*Universal Design for Learning]

- Consider supports school-wide
- Get on the same page with language/ideas
- Have a fair!





How many ways are there
to sit down in your school?



*make SOS [support our students] kits





BURLEIGH DIFFERENTIATION FAIR 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR

How is our school community finding those stairsteps and entry points

OVER, UNDER, AROUND OR THROUGH....

FIND A WAY OR MAKE A WAY © Kaito

The Presenters	Topics/Location	Notes/Take-Aways
Amy Ziegler, Lisa Gajofsky, Jena Berg/Evelyn Werking and Johnell Eales	Expanding Expression Tool (EETCHY) Viking Room	
Erika Sasada & Patty Jordan	Busy Bags K-2 Viking Room	
Jamie Sperling, David Peterson, Cassie Cobb <i>Making Inclusion Work in Reading & Math</i>	Math: differentiated tests, co-planning, schedules, pre-teaching, strategy groups, enrichment activities Reading: differentiated tools for nonfiction reading work, overdrive for reluctant/struggling readers, Google Forms for Assessing/Goal Setting/Conferring, reading log, co-planning	

Seek benefits for all



Question everything

- Question language, structures, routines, activities, norms, environment & materials
- You also have to question good news & seemingly positive practices



“Don’t We Already *Do* Inclusion?”

100 Ideas for Improving
Inclusive Schools

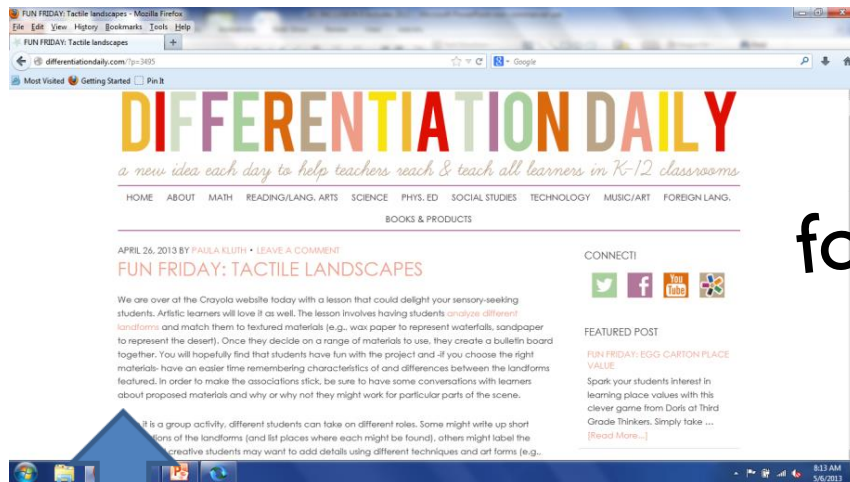


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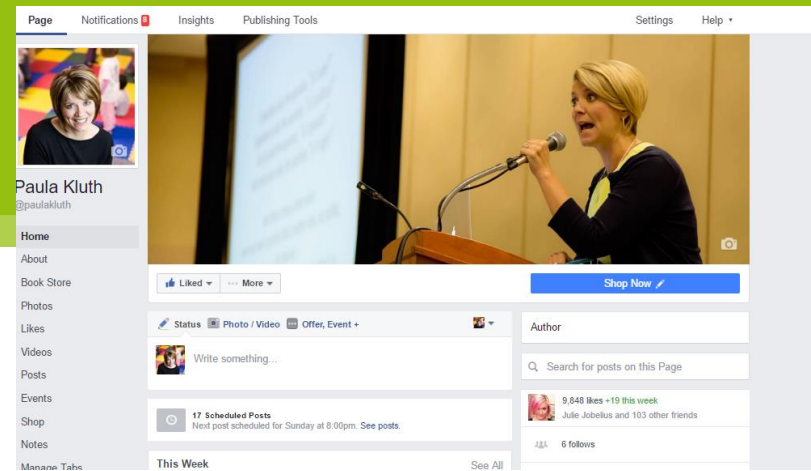
Foreword by Carol Quirk, Ed.D., Co-Executive Director
of the Maryland Coalition for Inclusive Education





www.differentiationdaily.com

www.co-taughtclassroom.com



for more information & ideas



In 30 Days to the Co-Taught Classroom, authors Paula Kluth and Julie Causton will teach you all you need to know about collaboration in 30 days.

Yes, you read that right! In just 30 days, they will introduce you to the information, competencies and habits you will need to become a great co-teaching partner. The authors will help you get to know your co-teacher, understand each of your roles, improve your planning and co-planning skills, expand the structures you use to teach and support students and even celebrate your accomplishments.

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Create rituals for socialization in the classroom. For example, have students take a moment to greet each other in the morning.



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Differentiation Hack: All-about-me

Now Available!

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