Benefits of Inclusive Education

The benefits of Inclusive Education are numerous for both students with and without disabilities.

Benefits of Inclusion for Students with Disabilities

- 1. Friendships
- 2. Increased social initiations, relationships and networks
- 3. Peer role models for academic, social and behavior skills
- 4. Increased achievement of IEP goals
- 5. Greater access to general curriculum
- 6. Enhanced skill acquisition and generalization
- 7. Increased inclusion in future environments
- 8. Greater opportunities for interactions
- 9. Higher expectations
- 10. Increased school staff collaboration
- 11. Increased parental participation
- 12. Families are more integrated into community

Benefits of Inclusion for Students Without Disabilities

- 1. Meaningful friendships
- 2. Increased appreciation and acceptance of individual differences
- 3. Increased understanding and acceptance of diversity
- 4. Respect for all people
- 5. Prepares all students for adult life in an inclusive society
- 6. Opportunities to master activities by practicing and teaching others
- 7. Greater academic outcomes
- 8. All students needs are better met, greater resources for everyone

There is not <u>any</u> research that shows any negative effects from inclusion done appropriately with the necessary supports and services for students to actively participate and achieve IEP goals.

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