

"I think [Inclusion] is amazing. I have learned a lot of skills I would not have learned . . .

I have autism.

[Inclusion] is something I can do. I can talk to my friends about classes, as it is a win-win and they help me and I help them." (9th Grade D91 Student)



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The Benefits of Inclusion in the Classroom



Idaho Falls School District #91 strives to program individually for students with disabilities for them to participate with their typical peers to the greatest extent possible



What is an inclusive education?

An inclusive education aims to increase the participation of all children in their neighborhood schools.

An inclusive education is how we develop and design our schools, classrooms, programs, supports and activities.

Based on student needs, Individual Education Program (IEP) teams design special education supports in and out of inclusive settings to help ensure students are successful. We work closely with parents who are important members of this team.

Benefits for all

- Higher academic expectations
- Access to a wider range of school resources
- Increased collaboration with peers
- A more welcoming, positive school environment
- Readiness for life outside of school and in the community
- Increased social network and respect for others
- Shared learning opportunities
- Increased safety by reducing isolation
- Increased sense of belonging



Benefits beyond ABCs

- More likely to belong to school and social groups, create lasting friendships
- More likely to have competitive employment
- More likely to live independently
- Less likely to receive disciplinary referrals

Source: (Marder et al., 2003 Wagner et al., 1993)