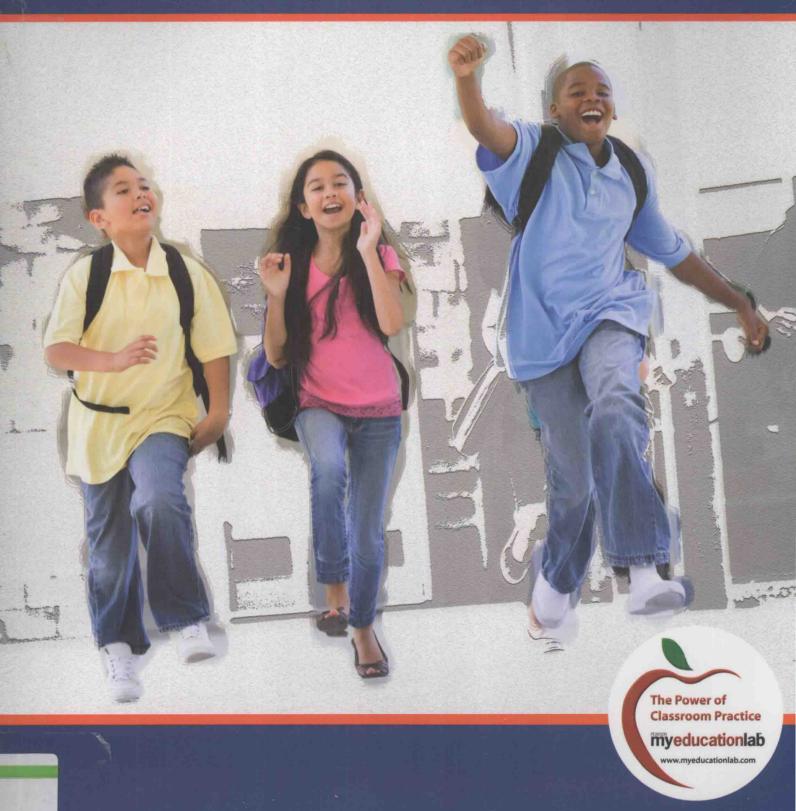
INCLUSION

Effective Practices for All Students



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Preface

Our Vision

Over the past 30 years, the inclusion of many students with disabilities into our nation's schools has provided learning and social opportunities that have not existed in the past. Nevertheless, inclusion continues to be a source of controversy and poses daily challenges to many educators. Even though most educators are committed to providing an appropriate education in the least restrictive setting for their students, the reality of how to effectively address the academic and behavioral challenges associated with children with special needs is often daunting to school personnel. Clearly, many questions remain regarding how to best design, deliver, support, and evaluate inclusive educational programs. It is our perspective that the responses to these questions are best presented to pre-service and in-service educators in a practical and straightforward fashion, using a format that integrates evidence-based practices with applications and examples that resemble their settings and working conditions.

This text is built upon a pragmatic, 'real-world' approach to inclusion. That is, we assume that all general education classrooms should be designed to accommodate the needs of a diverse range of students, and all students with disabilities should be included to the maximum extent appropriate. Moreover, we take the perspective that many students (including those with and without disabilities) need intensive high quality instruction in general education classrooms, although at times instruction may be delivered to small groups or individually, either in a general education classroom, or outside such a setting.

In this text, we anchor content to three key themes: 1) Values underlying inclusion, 2) Effective Applications (evidence based practices), 3) the importance of Professional Educators. The values theme emphasizes the perspective that students with disabilities should be active participants in the academic and social activities (or communities) of their classrooms and schools. This means that from the beginning, the curriculum and instructional practices of all classrooms should be designed to accommodate and support the academic and social needs of a broad range of students, including those with disabilities. In many instances, students with disabilities should be included as a natural part of the general education classroom, with no need for special accommodations or adaptations.

The second theme, effective applications, emphasizes evidence-based practices that are needed to meet the needs of students with disabilities and others who struggle to learn or adjust socially. These practices may be applied with all students in a general education classroom (e.g., class-wide peer tutoring), or implemented with small groups of students either in the general education classroom or in a separate setting (e.g., intensive reading instruction).

Finally, the third theme emphasizes the importance of highly effective professional educators in meeting the needs of all students. Highly effective professional educators are those who have the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to effectively meet the needs of a broad range of students. These professionals use evidence-based practices, possess in depth knowledge of the content they teach, and continue to learn and grow as they seek to better meet the needs of all students who enter their classrooms and schools.

Organization of Text

To provide a complete picture of inclusion, and to emphasize how it relates to our three key themes, we have organized the text into three parts: Foundations of Successful Inclusion, Meeting the Needs of All Students, and Effective Practices for All Students. The initial Foundations section includes three chapters that provide an introduction to inclusion, an account of how this form of service delivery has evolved, and how the diversity of students in today's schools influences inclusion and education in general. The second part, Meeting the Needs of All Students, includes seven *brief* chapters that provide background information regarding specific disabilities (i.e., definition, identification, characteristics), as well as key issues and challenges for including students with special needs. Part three addresses Effective Practices for All Students. The six chapters within this section provide an overview of key principles related to the topic, followed by the in-depth presentation of 46 key, evidence-based practices.

This three part format allows us to address the needs of the diverse range of teacher preparation students typically enrolled in inclusion coursework: traditional special education students, traditional general education students, and the growing number of alternative certification students. The question that drives each chapter and the text as a whole is: "Regardless of who you are, do you have the necessary knowledge, skills, and dispositions to successfully include students with disabilities in a general education classroom?"

Foundations and Characteristics

Foundations of Successful Inclusion

The three chapters in Part I provide readers with background/foundational information regarding inclusion, address the values that underlie this movement, introduce the three highly successful inclusive schools that will be used throughout the text, and discuss inclusion within the context of more general issues of student diversity in today's schools.

We use a number of pedagogical features to provide examples of the themes throughout the text. Many of these features use examples taken from professional educators in highly effective inclusive schools and classrooms. This ensures that the examples we use are grounded in the real world experiences of teachers, and address both the strengths and challenges of developing inclusive classrooms.





Three Inclusive Schools

A significant amount of content within the text is situated in three highly successful inclusive schools at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. These schools have diverse student bodies, and are located in a variety of settings. We provide a lengthy description of the schools in chapter 1, and teachers, parents, and administrators from the three schools are used in features and as examples throughout the text. These schools provide a foundation for the pragmatic approach we take to inclusion, ensuring that the information we provide is situated in real world settings and across all grade levels.

Meeting the Needs of All Students

Chapters 4–10 are brief and provide descriptive information regarding disability categories, and address general principles and issues regarding the application of effective practices with these students. Whenever a strategy or type of strategy is addressed in the text, you will see a *Strategy Margin Note* directing you to the step-by-step application of the strategy in the Effective Practices section of chapters 11–16. All categorical chapters use the same general outline to facilitate reader comprehension and consistency. Each chapter is written in a clear, succinct, practical, and approachable style and has the same pedagogical elements and themes throughout.

For more information regarding a strategy that may be used with students with ADHD to improve note taking, see Strategy 14.5 in Chapter 14.

Perspectives on Education

This feature begins chapters 2–16 in the text and features teachers, parents, and administrators from the three schools (elementary, middle, and high schools) described

in Chapter 1. These real life scenarios address the themes of the text and provide readers with an understanding of:

- Teacher, parent, and administrator views regarding inclusion
- · Benefits of inclusion and the value of inclusive practices/classrooms/schools

Pause & Reflect Margin Notes

In every chapter of the text we have Pause & Reflect margin notes that focus on specific concepts addressed in the text and ask readers to examine their own perspectives and beliefs on these topics. These notes also are connected to our three themes in the text.

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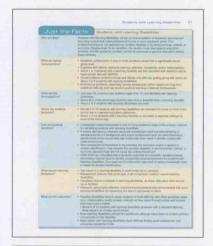
Because chapters 4–10 are brief, we have provided a "quick facts" feature that addresses definition, identification, assessment, prevalence, and service delivery practices (LRE statistics). This feature will help readers identify the key components on the basic categorical issues covered in each of these chapters.

Teaching Students with Disabilities in Inclusive Classrooms: Challenges and Strategies

This feature, like the chapter opening vignette, addresses a real-world example from one of the three schools featured in the text. In this feature teachers and administrators from these three schools provide their perspectives on teaching students from a given disability category in inclusive classrooms. Through these interviews the teachers share and reflect on the challenges of including all students in the general education classroom and strategies that may be particularly effective with their students. This discussion provides a bridge between the information on the characteristics and the identification of students in a disability category to information on effective instruction.

Pause & Reflect

Does it surprise you that persons with disabilities wan the same things from school that all other students want? Do you think these students want the same things from life? What does this say about the importance of inclusive programs in schools?





Effective Practices



Chapters 11–16 address key topical issues for the inclusive classroom and effective practices that can be used with all students. The first half of each chapter discusses the theory and background of each issue (i.e., collaboration, instructional planning, technology, etc.) and the second half of each chapter provides in-depth, step-by-step strategies (up to 10 strategies per chapter topic) related to these issues.

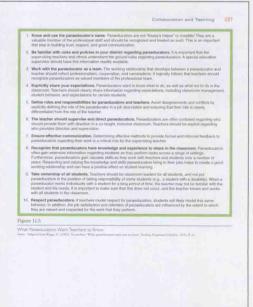
Step-by-Step Strategies

Up to ten effective practices are included in chapters 11–16. These practices present step-by step evidence-based techniques that provide students with explicit strategies for the topic area discussed in the chapter. You will notice that the pages in this text are perforated and hole punched – this enables students to remove these research-based strategies and put them into a binder for future use as they enter their own classroom.

Each strategy includes the following information:

- Rationale and Research that give the background of the strategy where
 and how it should be used and citations for further information
- Step-by-Step instruction on how to use the strategy with students or in the classroom
- · Applications and Examples of the strategy in a real-world context
- A Keep in Mind section that helps readers address specific "speedbumps" they may encounter when applying the strategy





Putting It All Together

To connect the theory of the first half of chapters 11–16 with the strategies covered in the second half of these chapters we use a graphic organizer for each chapter called *Putting It All Together*. These graphic organizers are replicated on card stock so developing and new teachers can tear them out and use them in a strategies binder that they can use in their classrooms. These organizers contain the following helpful information:

- A narrative summary of considerations pre-service teachers need to take into account when working in that chapter's particular topical area
- MyEducationLab: The MyEducationLab grid directs readers to Activities and Applications
 and Building Teaching Skills and Dispositions exercises that coordinate with the strategies
 addressed in the second half of the chapter. Within these assignments and exercises you will
 find embedded video, cases, strategies, and simulations that will allow you to experience
 these strategies (or complementary strategies) in a real classroom environment.
- Effective Practices Grid: This grid outlines the strategies we cover in the second half of the chapter and gives the reader information regarding each of these strategies at-a-glance. You will find the name of the strategy and page number as well as a brief description and special considerations you should keep in mind when using the strategy.



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