

What does a school staff need to know about Inclusive Learning Environments?

This learning guide is designed for use by instructional leaders and learning communities or as a self-paced study to explore education practices that provide all students with opportunities for success.



This learning guide is intended for use after viewing the video [What is An Inclusive School Community?](#)

To ensure that each and every student is successful, teachers and school leaders need to create inclusive learning environments that engage and support all learners.

Key understandings:

- Inclusion is about creating environments and opportunities so that students can reach their full potential in their school community.
- Education practices that are flexible and responsive to the strengths and needs of individual students create inclusive learning experiences that ensure all students are successful.
- Examples of instructional supports to use when meeting students' learning needs include differentiated instruction, the use of technology, and the selection of flexible learning and teacher resources.
- Schools are most effective in addressing the needs of students and their families when school staff and their community partners work collaboratively.
- Recognizing parents as an integral part of their child's education and welcoming their involvement can lead to innovative solutions that enhance student success.

Questions for discussion:

- How does the video challenge or affirm what you believe about inclusive learning environments?
- What supports and resources need to be in place to allow all school staff to use multiple means of instruction?
- What kinds of commitment are required from teachers and school leaders to build an inclusive learning environment?
- What kinds of opportunities does an inclusive learning environment create?
- What are some of the challenges to creating more inclusive learning environments?

For more information:

- [Engaging All Learners](#) - Support for Implementation (ARPDC)
- [Supporting Every Student](#) (Alberta Education)
- [Inclusive Education Library](#) (Alberta Education)
- [Learning Technologies: Information for Teachers](#) (ARPDC)

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