



Preparing the Classroom for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

1. Find out about ASD.

2. Find out about the individual student:

- Fill in an Individual Student Profile (see "Making it a Success")
- Fill in Summary Profile of Student (see Tip Sheet).

3. School Infrastructure.

- Classroom support for teacher (training, etc).
- Assistance to set up structured environment.
- Curriculum planning (IEPs, etc).
- Whole school staff.
- Professional development for teacher and assistant.

4. Prepare the other students.

This is very dependent on the other students. The focus should be very positive and focus on similarities and differences between all of us. It may be helpful to discuss how individual student with ASD presents and ways the other students can help (in the same way they help other students).

5. IEPs

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| a. Open and honest communication. | g. Set feedback in place. |
| b. Setting ground rules | h. Develop expertise. |
| c. Identify strengths and weaknesses. | i. Adjust objectives. |
| d. Set realistic short and long term goals. | j. Share frustrations. |
| e. Work as a team. | k. Brainstorm, explore, create solutions. |
| f. Set support in place to ensure implementation. | l. Celebrate successes. |



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

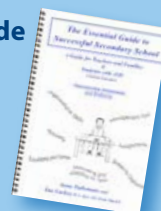
Making it a Success

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