

Inclusion Saskatchewan's Position Statement on Inclusive Education



What is *Inclusive Education*?

Inclusive Education is how school works when all students learn together in the same classrooms. This means that *all* children go to their neighbourhood school and are in a regular class with students their own age. It also means that they get the supports they need within their class and are not grouped into classes based on ability or disability.



How are students with disabilities excluded in Saskatchewan schools?

Every student should be supported to learn, grow, and connect with their peers, and separating students with disabilities prevents them from being able to do this. Some students with disabilities are only allowed to attend for shorter days, or fewer days per week. Some are not allowed to attend at all and have to do their schooling online. Some are not allowed to attend in regular classes and instead stay in a class just for students with disabilities.

What is *Ableism*?

Ableism is a type of discrimination that comes from the belief that non-disabled bodies & brains are "normal" and that anything else is unwanted or bad.

Ableism causes systems to be built in ways that stop people with disabilities from being included in the same ways as people without disabilities.

This is just a summary of the key points of Inclusion Saskatchewan's Position Statement on Inclusive Education.

To read the full Position Statement, please visit

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Why should we have inclusive education in Saskatchewan?

Inclusive education is good for all students, even if they don't have a disability! Research shows us that students without disabilities who learn in the same class as students with disabilities generally feel better about themselves and have more positive attitudes towards people who are different from them. Students with disabilities who learn in inclusive settings can expect better outcomes in post-secondary, independent living, and employment. All students benefit from higher scores in reading & math and are more likely to graduate from high school.



Do Saskatchewan schools *need* to offer inclusive education?

Yes! The right to equal access to a quality inclusive education is guaranteed for students with disabilities in these places:

Saskatchewan's Education Act



The Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



How can I help?

Everyone can help to make inclusive education a reality for students in Saskatchewan! You can:

- Listen and learn from people with intellectual disabilities.
- Talk about this issue and share information with people you know.
- Talk to children about inclusion & neurodiversity.
- Help build a culture of inclusion in your school or community.
- Support Inclusion Saskatchewan so that we can continue to build and inspire an inclusive Saskatchewan!