

Teaching Students with Special Needs

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Who's that Pokemon?



- from Gary, Indiana.
- Studied EALC in undergrad and grad school.
- No prior experience with special needs individuals before becoming a JET.
- Currently at Chubu Commercial High School and Kagamigaoka Special Needs School.

Who's that Pokemon?

- from Chicago, Illinois.
- English/Education
- Brother & Special Olympics
- Elementary in Motobu
- Now: Kitanakagusuku HS and Misaki Special Needs School.



General Definition

- - The practice of educating students with special needs in a way that addresses their individual differences and needs.
 - Ideally involves the individually planned and systematically monitored arrangement of teaching procedures, adapted equipment and materials.
 - Designed to help learners achieve a higher level of personal self-sufficiency and success in school and their community.

Short History & Methods: America

- Education for All Handicapped Children Act (1975)
- Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
- Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- Least Restrictive Environment (LRE).
- Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Short History of Special Ed: Japan

- First schools in Kyoto (1878) and Nagano (1890)
- Compulsory or Integrated?
- Lack of prepared teachers
- New designations
- People with Developmental Disabilities Support Act (2007)

Common Experiences: Alessandra

- Being surprised or confused by a child's developmental disability
- Discipline/Tantrums
- Tough Times

Common Experiences: Adrian

- Self-contained sections
- Weekly rotations
- Training
- Responsibilities
- Primary Goals

Adapting Lessons for Special Ed

- No student is the same
- Engage the students,
see what they know/like
- Give goals each student
can reach
- Keep calm and trust the
teacher
- Don't stop moving

Adapting Lessons for Special Ed

- Pinterest
- ipads/presentations
- Crosswords/ writing
- Songs and dances
- Games they know
- Seasonal/Holidays: over the top!
- Make sure they're having fun

Let's adapt some classes!

Please discuss how you would resolve your scenario with your partner(s), keeping today's topics in mind.

Questions, Comments?

Thank you for your time :D SDC IS OVER NOW HAPPY FRIDAY