



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 the individual student with ASD presents and ways the other students can help (in the same way they help other students).

5. Individual Education Plans (IEPs)

- Open and honest communication.
- Setting ground rules
- Identify strengths and weaknesses.
- Set realistic short and long term goals.
- Work as a team.
- Set support in place to ensure implementation.
- Set feedback in place.
- Develop expertise.
- Adjust objectives.
- Share frustrations.
- Brainstorm, explore, create solutions.
- Celebrate successes.



RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

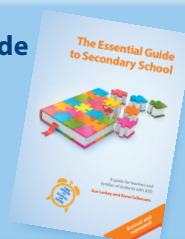
Making it a Success

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