



Diverse learning needs

Quick reference guide

What are diverse learning needs?

There are many different ways to successfully learn. Some students learn well by being told about something, others by actually doing it. Some students learn best in a quiet environment but others prefer some background noise. Each student has their own unique learning environment that best helps them to learn. Our challenge is to understand what each student needs to engage in learning while accommodating the learning needs of many different students in the one classroom.

Examples of students' diverse learning needs

- attention
- learning
- communication issues
- sensory
- auditory processing
- anxiety
- depression

Meeting the needs of diverse learners

- Work with students to identify effective, individualised educational programs and support systems such as:
 - incorporating technology
 - using one-on-one support
 - using organisation tools, e.g. timetables
 - implementing strategies for students when working as part of a group
 - providing a place to calm down
 - providing alternatives to handwriting
 - adjusting the sensory environment that students experience
 - implementing strategies for transitions and pending change.
- Support the social emotional wellbeing of students.
- Implement a system of positive behaviour support.

