



Special Services Monthly Messages

“Being fair does not mean providing the same thing for every student. Fair is ensuring that each student gets what they need to succeed.” (Author unknown)

From the Director's Desk:

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Presents all Americans with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

The Goals of Differentiation

(Carol Ann Tomlinson- Educational Leadership 11/08)

Differentiated instruction helps students not only master content, but also form their own identities as learners. (p.26) Differentiated instruction calls for teachers to have clear learning goals that are rooted in content standards but crafted to ensure student engagement and understanding. Teachers must know their students. Differentiation also counsels that

-armed with assessment information and other knowledge about a student- the teacher should adapt teaching plans to attend to learner readiness, interest, and preferred modes of learning. (p 27) Tomlinson also addresses four elements that help students take charge of their own learning: trust, fit, voice, and awareness. (p 28)



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Friendly Reminders:

- © Please check the Special Services web site, periodically, for updates on workshops and seminars
- © Please call your child's case manager with any concerns or questions.
- © Special Education Services are available through Project Child Find ages 3-21. at 1-800-322-8174. Additional information can also be found at 973.887.2112 ext. 127
- © According to 6A:14-3.3 (b); interventions in the general education setting shall be provided to students exhibiting academic difficulties and shall be utilized, as appropriate prior to referring a student for an evaluation of eligibility for Special Education and Related Services.
- © Home Instruction Due to Temporary Illness or Injury:

If you anticipate that your child will be absent for a prolonged period of time (minimum of 2 weeks), please submit, to the Special Services Department, a written notification from your physician. A delay in this written notification could mean a delay in services.

Preschool News

- Registration information for the 2010/2011 integrated preschool program will be available shortly.
- Preschool Parent Focus Group: November 19, 2009 6:30pm-details will be available shortly.

Suggested Web Sites

www.thefate.org

Foundation for Autism Training and Education

www.paulakluth.com

Inclusive Education