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struction, modifications and accom-  
modations to support student learn-  
ing in all areas in the SPED education  
environment

- Collaboration between general edu-  
cators, special educators and par-  
ents who respect each other's ex-  
pertise and differences



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For elementary children with special needs:

- affords a sense of belonging and membership
- provides a diverse, stimulating environment in which to learn
- enables friendship
- development with typical peers
- enhances self-esteem
- provides peer models
- Provides opportunities to practice social and language skills access to general education curriculum



For typically developing students:

- provides opportunities to experience the diversity of society on a small scale
- Enables a greater acceptance of differences and sensitivity towards others
- understanding of the strengths and weaknesses we all have
- increases abilities to help and teach all classmates
- develops empathy
- provides a diverse pool of classmates from which to make friends



For teachers:

- furthers appreciation of diversity
- increases ways of creatively addressing challenges
- develops collaborative problem-solving skills and teamwork
- allows general and special education teachers to better understand each others' curriculum and methods
- increases communication between teachers and builds community
- presence of special education staff benefits all children in the class

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