

Provide leadership for teaching and learning

A suggestion for implementing the strategy

'Leading learning to support inclusive practices' from the Guide: [Leading inclusive schools](#)

Includes:

- Recognise diversity as a strength
- Promote inclusive teaching practices
- Develop an inclusive local curriculum
- Plan for all learners
- Use a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) approach
- Useful resources

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Recognise diversity as a strength

Learn about diversity and equity with your students. See the [Universal Design for Learning](#) guide on this website for more information.

“Diversity” needs to be recognised as a strength for a future-oriented learning system, something to be actively fostered, not a weakness that lowers the system’s performance.

Diversity encompasses everyone’s variations and differences, including their cultures and backgrounds.

Rachel Bolstad and Jane Gilbert, with Sue McDowall, Ally Bull, Sally Boyd and Rosemary Hipkins

Source:

[Supporting future-oriented learning and teaching: A New Zealand perspective](#)

<https://www.educationcounts.govt.nz/publications/schooling/109306>

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Promote inclusive teaching practices

Shelley Moore uses a bowling metaphor to talk about inclusive practices.



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Develop an inclusive local curriculum

Te Mātaiaho, The New Zealand Curriculum, is non-prescriptive. Its flexibility allows schools to develop their curriculum as they notice, recognise, and respond to the needs of all their learners and their community.

The curriculum mandates a move away from a one-size-fits-all paradigm towards the inclusive design of teaching and learning, where ALL students can expect to:

- connect their culture, experiences and interests to their learning
- learn in flexible environments with adjustable materials they can personalise to meet their learning needs and preferences
- engage in ongoing, timely conversations about their learning with teachers and peers
- access learning opportunities, experiences and environments alongside their peers
- be supported to advocate for their own needs and lead their own learning
- share their thinking and learning in ways that demonstrate their understanding.

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Plan for all learners

Ask student what inclusion means to them.

Allow their experiences to shape your teaching.



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Use a Universal Design for Learning (UDL) approach

Linda Ojala
and Room 3
at
Silverstream
School talk
about using
UDL to
design
learning for
all.



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Useful resources



Inclusive education – Our school

Lake Rerewakaaitu School blog about their school actions to develop a “highly inclusive culture for learning.” (ERO report, 2019)

Publisher: Lake Rerewakaaitu School

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