

Create an inclusive culture

Support participation by ensuring practical supports and actions are built into the culture of the classroom.

- ✓ Partner your students with speech, language and communication needs with other students for group activities. Aides or teachers can help, but shouldn't act as partners.
- ✓ Provide opportunities for students to identify their strengths.
- ✓ Encourage students to feel less stressed in social situations by using warmth, patience and good humour when you talk with them.
- ✓ Encourage students to share their interests. For example, create a class bulletin board featuring school-based and out-of-school interests.
- ✓ Provide a range of ways for students to express what they know. For example, some students who find it hard to get their ideas across in words may prefer to use digital tools or visual aids to communicate their understanding.

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