

## What is inclusion?

Children with and without disabilities being educated in general education settings with the appropriate adaptations, modifications and supports in place.



**Exclusion** occurs when children are prevented from accessing the general education setting and curriculum in any form.



**Segregation** occurs when children are educated in a separate environment from the general education setting and non-disabled peers.



**Integration** occurs when children with disabilities are placed in general education settings without additional adaptations, modifications, and supports.



**Inclusion** occurs when children with disabilities are educated in general education settings with their non-disabled peers with the appropriate adaptations, modifications and supports in place to meet their individual needs.

*Placing children with disabilities within mainstream education settings without the accompanying structural changes to organization, curriculum, and teaching and learning strategies does not constitute inclusion. Integration does not automatically guarantee the transition from segregation to inclusion.*



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