

## What is inclusive education?

Inclusive education is when all students have the opportunity to have an education in the regular school system. In an inclusive education system:

- Children with and without disabilities attend the same classes with children their own age at their local school.
- Every student gets the extra, individual support that they may need.
- Physical adjustments or accommodations are made so that everyone can participate. For example, ramps instead of stairs and doorways wide enough for wheelchair users.
- The curriculum (what the children learn) is taught in a way that everyone understands.
- Students are taught in classes in which they work together and support one another rather than compete against one another.
- There are smaller class sizes which make sure that the quality of education is good for everyone.
- Children with disabilities are not segregated in the classroom, at lunchtime or on the playground.

