

YOUTH BELONGS: IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVITY IN EDUCATION

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A good environment that is welcoming and inclusive is a good type of classroom. Every a child has the right to get the education they need regardless their abilities and disabilities. An environment that is free from discrimination and an environment where diversity uniqueness is embraced and celebrated is the optimal place to study.

Although inclusivity is very much encouraged, some students are still discriminated because of their race, gender, disability, the way they talk, and even their state of living. These discriminations doesn't only happen in the physical but even in online learning.

These issues of discrimination in classroom should be addressed. Teachers are making effort in making the classroom inclusive. Teachers help students overcome this challenges to make the classroom welcoming and make learning optimal for everyone.

One of the goals of inclusive learning is ensuring that students of underrepresented populations have the support they need to be academically successful. It is also necessary to build relationships and develop multicultural skills with members from diverse backgrounds. In this way, regardless the students' background they are accepted and celebrated inside the classroom. It is also necessary to enhance the students' participation in class where they feel they won't be shamed. Reducing the stereotype and wrong thinking of students also help them understand and accept their classmates who are different from them.

Having an environment of inclusivity unlocks the full potential of students. It builds their self-esteem and confidence. It also removes their thinking that something is wrong with them. Improvement in communication skills of students to students and students to teachers will be visible. If everyone feels the sense of belongingness, they will most likely get the proper education they need. After all, every child has the right to quality education and learning.

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